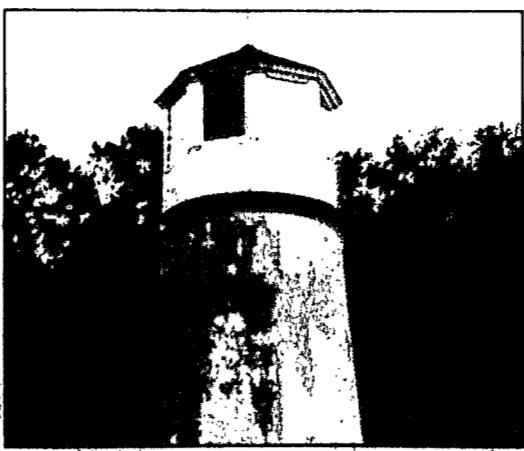




## Summertime, and the readin' is easy

The Hancock County Library's Summer Reading Program is a huge success.

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## 7/15/01 All along the watch tower

Clermont Harbor woman's unusual ancestral home draws national attention.

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## Attack of the Jellyfish II

### Volunteer to stop child abuse

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers in the Hancock County area. For more details, write or call Phyllis R. Thompson, CPCA volunteer coordinator, at 327 Shieldsborough Square, Bay St. Louis, MS. 39520, or 463-000.

### County bar assn. to meet Monday

The Hancock County Bar Association meeting will be Monday, July 16, at 11:30 a.m. at Carole and Mary's Olde Towne Restaurant, Bay St. Louis. Guest speaker will be Robert Glenn Waddle, director of Consumer Assistance for the state bar. One hour CLE credit for ethics may be received for this meeting. Call 467-6515.

### 'The Riders' at First Assembly

The gospel group "The Riders" will be in concert today at 6 p.m. at First Assembly of God Church, 1912 Arnold Street in Waveland. Everyone welcome.

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Phase 1 of the multi-phase, countywide waste water project is underway at the Southern Regional plant site in Waveland. Max Foote Construction is heading up the project. Workers are getting started on the new headworks which will contain a metering and measuring station. See related story, page 3A.

## Board OK's new pay package

Ladner says he's seeking 'equitable' salary schedule

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
News Editor

The Hancock County School Board at a recess meeting on Thursday approved a new two-year salary schedule for non-certified personnel that Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner says will "level the paying field."

Only two board members, District One's Larry Peterson and District Five's Lennette Necaise, dissented to the new plan.

Necaise stressed that neither she nor Peterson were against employee pay raises.

"I want the minutes to reflect that I'm not voting against raises, ..." Necaise said, "despite what was printed in the Echo (last week). I'm voting

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## County seeking \$780,000 in state Tidelands funds

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Hancock County is going after \$780,000 in state Tidelands funding for the fiscal year beginning in 2003.

The three coastal counties and cities within those counties had a July 1 deadline to make applications for the revenue, which comes from waterbottoms leased by casinos. The funds are distributed each November or December by Secretary of State Eric Clark.

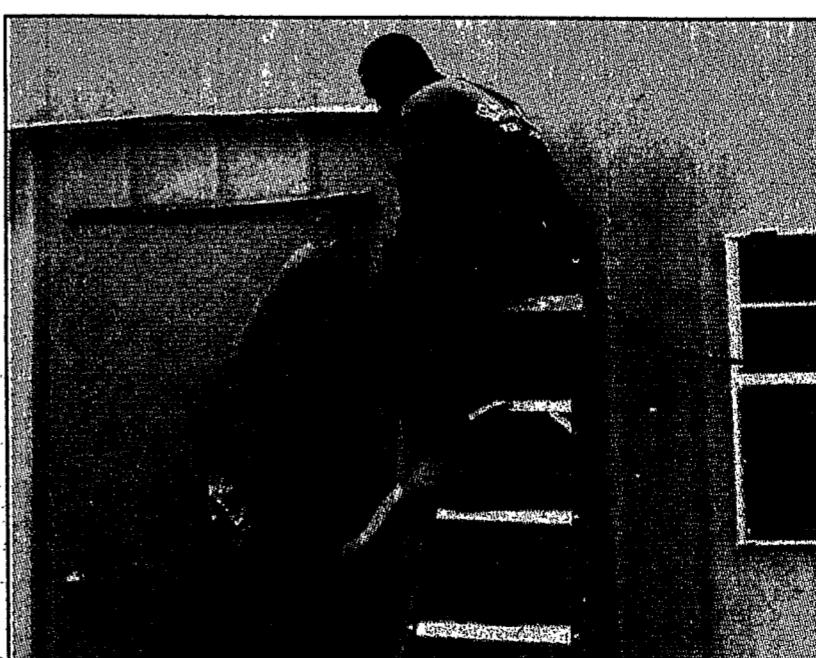
Supervisors turned to Jeff Loftus,

the county's consultant with the Gulf Regional Planning Commission, to prepare the grant application and to prioritize projects.

Loftus has requested funding for five projects, and Hancock County is offering to put up some matching funds, either with in-kind services or actual money.

When Hancock County did not receive any Tidelands funds for county projects in fiscal 2000, supervisors

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Waveland Firemen Robby Giveans and Donald Peters Jr. put the finishing touches on a project that strengthened walls and added storm clips to help ensure that the fire station on Gulfview remains intact in the event of a hurricane.

Echo Staff Photo by Bonnie Shallbetter

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## Summer reading program a big success

### SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Hancock County Library System's 2001 Summer Reading Program was a huge success, according to Jeanne Pierce, public and information services coordinator.

A total of 817 children registered for the program at all four branches, and more than 2,600 children and adults attended programs. The children read more than 16,000 books in four weeks, an average of 4,000 books per week and 20 books per child.

The Kiln Public Library registered 286 children, with a total of 1,096 children and 566 adults attending the programs.

At the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 45 children registered, and program attendance was 264.

The Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library registered 447 children. A total of 652 children and adults attended the programs.

Registration for the Pearlington Public Library was 39, with more than 101 children and adults attending programs.

Programs included a visit from Walter the Giant Storyteller, Scoops E. Clown, Joseph Harris the Magician, a ballet troupe, and more.

The City of Bay St. Louis hosted a program on fire safety at the Bay St. Louis Depot. The Bay St. Louis Fire Departments Fire Safety House also presented programs at the Kiln and Pearlington public libraries.

Lynn Meadows Discovery Center and Bookends Bookstore presented each child a prize at the end of the program. Grand prizes included free passes to Marine Life Oceanarium and gifts from Bookends Bookstore and The Kid Company.

Local businesses, organizations and individuals contributed by sponsoring performances for weekly programs. Those businesses, organizations and individuals supporting the summer reading program were the City of Bay St. Louis, ABC Rental, Aeon Enterprises, American Medical Response, Aqua PoolCo, Ms. Wang Bloom, Bookends Bookstore, Buccaneer State Park, Cajun Connection, Charter Mortgage, Coast Coca-Cola, D & K Quick Stop. Also, Edmond Fahey Funeral



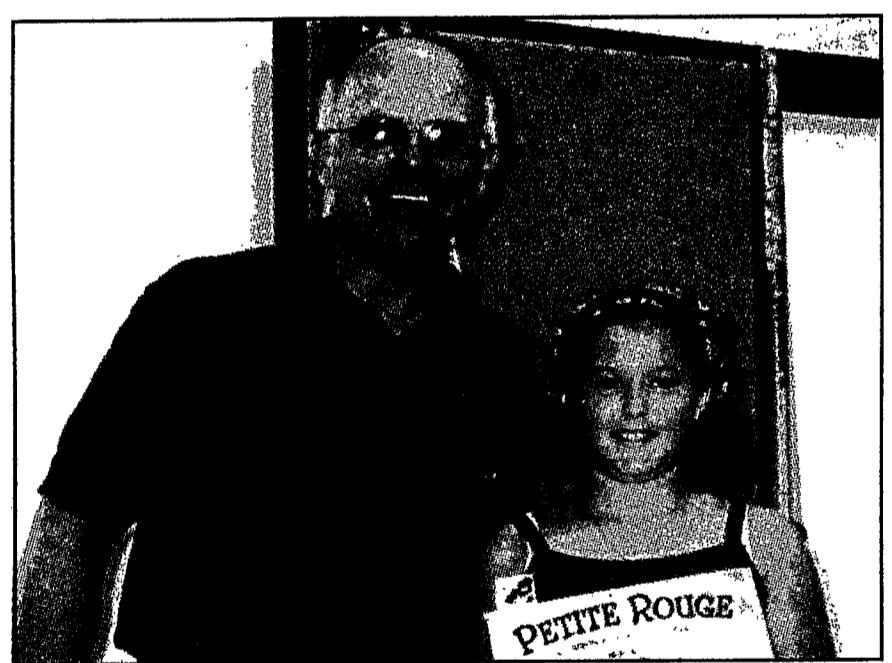
SUSAN DAIGRE presents an Inflatable motorcycle to Raney Rogers at the Waveland Library and Literacy Center as part of the Hancock County Library System's 2001 Summer Reading Program. The inflatable motorcycle for the swimming pool or beach was courtesy of Aqua PoolCo of Waveland.

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Prize winners were Morgan Adam, Breanne Ainsworth, Andrew Anderson, Peepie Capdepon, Amanda Ginn, Kelly Hamilton, Dillon Hess, Jordan Hubbard, Bethany Johnson, Paige Jordy, Brooke Ladner, Katherine Lefevre, Kimberly Macon, Keelen Marlowe, Samantha Moak, Trent Necaise, Ben Nelson, Brittney Nelson, Karma Odom, Alexia Palode, Athena Palode, Samuel Palode, Sunnie Palode, Terry Pierson, Theron Resor and Raney Rogers.



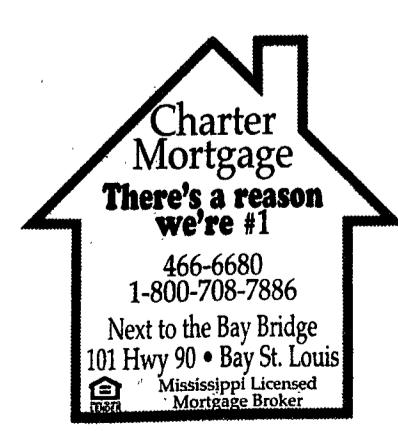
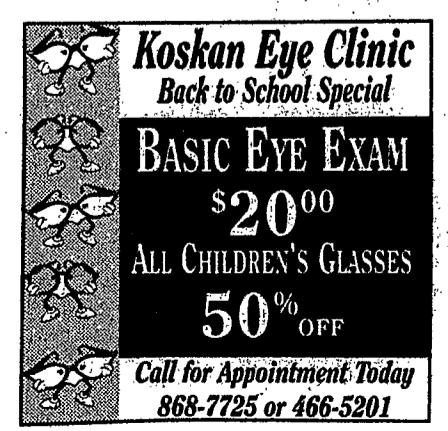
THE TEN-FOOT ASTRONAUT from StennSphere presented the book, *Spaceships*, to Theron Resor at the Bay St. Louis Depot as part of the Hancock County Library System's 2001 Summer Reading Program. The book was provided courtesy of Bookends Bookstore.



BROOKE LADNER was the winner of the book, *Petite Rouge*, presented to her by the author Mike Artell at the Kiln Public Library as part of the Hancock County Library System's 2001 Summer Reading Program. The book was courtesy of Bookends Bookstore.



PICTURED, FROM LEFT, are Athena Palode, Alexis Palode and Sunnie Palode at the Pearlington Public Library. Athena and Alexis each received two tickets to a play at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center. Sunnie received the book, *Ancient China*.



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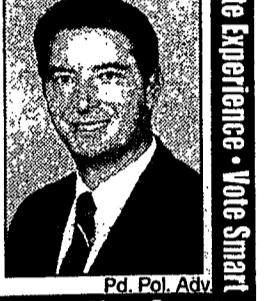
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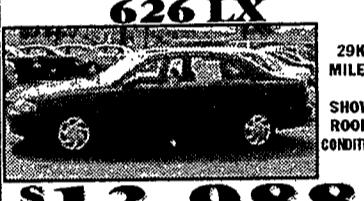
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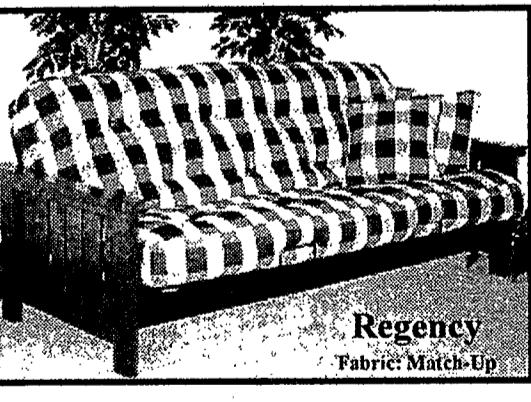
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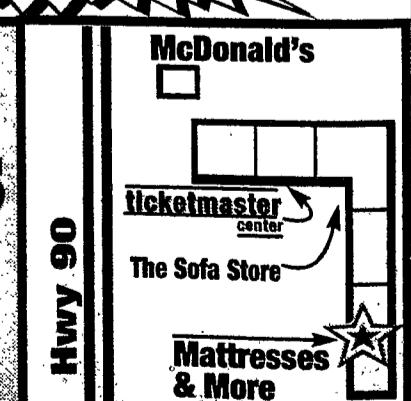
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against this raise, rather than an across-the-board raise.

"I don't feel this raise is equal for everybody. ... I feel this will anger a lot of employees."

Under the new plan, Peterson said, "Somebody's getting more of a raise than others."

"You can apply your four percent across-the-board raise, if that's what you want to do," Ladner said Thursday, "but that's not going to make it fair for everybody. What this does is right the tilt."

"You're talking about percentages here, not dollars. If you give a two percent or three percent or four percent raise ... some people on this scale are gonna get more money than others."

The plan the board eventually approved Thursday is only Phase I of the administration's plans to make the district's pay scale "equitable."

According to district business officer Lynel Necaise, "The current (00-01) non-certified scales vary in percentage with yearly increments ranging from less than one percent to over 20 percent, with the largest percent for some scales occurring between the first and second year of employment."

"Phase I represents the initial step to ensuring consistency among non-certified scales. Phase II, to be presented to the school board as part of the 2002-2003 budget, will provide all non-certified employees with experience of one to 20 years with a one and a half percent annual increment."

The superintendent repeatedly stated that the approved scales for the '01-'02 school year are an attempt to realign non-certified scales and in no way should be considered a non-certified salary raise. Phase I of the scale realignment will cost the school district approximately \$75,000, which represents

over 200 district and federal employees."

In other action Thursday, Ladner accused board members of being a little heavy-handed with him and his administration, citing their constant scrutiny of his decisions, policies and procedures, and, in recent months, once-a-week board meetings.

"It's called micromanagement, guys," Ladner said. "At some point, you've gotta trust the management for something. ... The time and effort we put into (preparing for board meetings), well, we meet to meet around here. We can't get anything done."

Those comments came after board members balked at his proposed new procedures for board approval of employee travel. Under the new plan, Ladner wanted to be able in some cases to approve out-of-district travel himself after discussion with the appropriate principal or supervisor, then let the board approve whatever it needed to retroactively.

That measure, he said, would save time and paperwork, and allow a better workflow.

Board member Peggy Haas Ladner, however, balked at the new procedure, reminding the superintendent that at one time he had initially approved letting an employee act as a chaperone on a school trip and be paid for the time, rather than acting as a parent volunteer. That would have unnecessarily cost the district hundreds of dollars, she said, and characterized the board's scrutiny of the travel agenda as not micromanagement, but merely as an extra stopgap measure to help ensure nothing improper slips through the cracks.

The board meets again this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the district central office at Kiln. Meetings are open to the public.

## Southern Regional board pens reply to audit questioning purchasing practices

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

The Board of Directors of Southern Regional Waste Water Management District have issued a written reply in response to questions raised by the accounting firm of Moore and Powell last month concerning possible violations of state purchasing laws.

The response was signed by board President and Mayor of Bay St. Louis Eddie Favre. Board attorney Lucien Gex said that there would be no further comment on what was contained in the audit draft, or the board's written response to Moore and Powell, until Southern Regional receives an official reply from the accounting firm. Gex said he did not know how long it would take for Moore and Powell to reply to the district.

An audit draft questioned 13 possible violations of the district's purchasing practices and procedures, including incidents in which the district may have paid invoices without approved written contracts; and possible double-payments for the same services.

In other business: The board voted to approve a memorandum of understanding with Pearlington Water and Sewer District contingent upon approval by all three entities, and the availability of funds. The memorandum was requested by Pearlington to assure the district that Southern Regional has a commitment to building a transmission line to Pearlington. Pearlington needs the memorandum to go forward.

A recessed meeting was held on Friday to review the new invoice, but Levy was unable to attend due to an illness in the family. Project engineer for the firm Bruce Newton appeared for Levy, but board members were unable to approve payment because at the time of the meeting, Levy had not submitted the requested revised invoice.

The board voted to recess until the new invoice was received.

## Jellyfish -- they're back

Marine Resources and Graham tracked the progress of the 2000 invasion. They have already had unconfirmed reports of small jellies in the northern Gulf this week.

"It is critical that we have specimens to make a positive identification," Perry said.

Fishermen and trawlers are asked to bring in specimens to be verified.

Researchers believe that

small jellies may be first sighted in the Chandeleur-Bretton Sound areas.

"Just call the biologist listed for your state, and we will pick up the jellyfish," Perry said. "We also need the exact location of capture and approximate abundance observed in the area."

Perry said the spotted jellies do not sting, but she advised using a dip net to remove them

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from the water. They should be stored on ice or kept in a bucket of water.

Marine biologists to call are Perry at 228-872-4218 and Van Devender at 228-374-5000 for Mississippi, Graham at 251-861-7565 for Alabama and Vince Guillory of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries at 504-594-4130 for Louisiana.

## Kiwanis sponsors children's health fair

A free health fair for local children will be held at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road August 11 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, the health fair coincides with the beginning of the school year and will provide children from five to 12 years of age with a wide variety of free health and safety-related services.

The fair will offer the following services: dental screening, vision screening, fingerprinting, shots, physical screenings, information on Medicaid, free health insurance for children, fire safety, information on abuse and child safety, smoking and drug use, nutrition and other child/health-related subjects.

"We are very excited to offer the children in the community these services," commented Terry Latham for the Kiwanis. "Kiwanis are dedicated to helping the community, especially the youth of the community, and this is our way of giving every child a good start to the new school year."

"These free screenings are a terrific way for parents to have

their child "checked out" to see if they have any vision or dental problems that need attention. The activities and other information available all add up to a complete package for our families that will promote good health."

The agencies and professionals currently committed include Hancock Medical Center, Dr. Frank Conaway Jr. DMD, Diamondhead Dental Center, Mississippi Department of Human Services, David W.

Tuminello, DDS, Family Child Center, Dr. Gregory, Optometrist, Bay St. Louis Fire Department, Hope Haven Children's Shelter, P.A.T.H., Hancock County Sheriffs Department, The Woman's Center and the Health Department. Additional agency and individual participation is likely. Pre-registration is not required. Services will be on a first-come first-serve basis. Contact Hope Haven at 467-7945 or Terri Yetter at 467-4100.

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

**T**hursday evening from 5 to 7 will mark the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce July Business After Hours.

Hosts for July's *After Hours* are Sundance - A Good Earth Development, Home Priority, L.L.C., and Neil Favre's Southern Delights Restaurant and Catering.

The event will take place at 103 Sundance Pass, off Sears Avenue, Waveland. This is a new subdivision being developed by Julie Rosson.

It appears that multi-hosting of the *Business After Hours* is becoming popular, and I know with Neil Favre doing the cooking, there will be some good eats at this event.

This is a good time for chamber members and guests to meet old acquaintances and make new ones and have a great time doing so.

I hope to see you Thursday evening at the *After Hours*.

Sundance Pass is located at one of the big curves of Sears Avenue a few blocks from the beach.

By the way, this is a plug for the chamber. If you would like to sponsor a *Business After Hours*, call the chamber's office at 467-9048 for particulars.

A new level of activity will be taking place from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday at the J.D. McCullough Stadium in Bay St. Louis.

The annual Relay for Life, *A Team to Fight Cancer* will be taking place throughout the night.

The event is a unique concept that involves relay teams who take turns walking, running, or strolling around the track.

The teams consist of individuals representing families, corporations, clubs, organizations and neighborhoods.

A party atmosphere prevails among team members camping out on the surrounding grounds during the entire event enjoying music, food and camaraderie with each other as well as with other teams.

Team members seek sponsorships for their traveling around

Looking to do something different on Halloween night? You may want to consider volunteering to be a portrayer in Cedar Rest Cemetery of a family member or others resting in Cedar Rest.

On Halloween night, the Hancock County Historical Society hosts tours of the cemetery in which about a dozen folks give a brief history of someone who has contributed to the history of the area.

The Historical Society's Kate Lobrano House is also open on Halloween and has cookies, punch and "spooks" during the tour which is from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

There is a \$1-per-person donation for a tour which takes approximately an hour, and all the proceeds go towards the society's tombs and headstones repairs.

Guides in the cemetery and also hosts at the Kate Lobrano House are needed, according to Charles Gray, historian emeritus.

For further information, call the Historical Society at 467-4090.

## Mississippi prepared to avoid base closures

**C**ongressional clout is often cited as the reason Mississippi's military bases have eluded closure during three rounds of base reductions, but there are several other reasons these bases came to Mississippi, and have thrived in our communities.

These factors remain on Mississippi's side today as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld calls for a narrow and targeted round of base closures. Community acceptance, and support.

Mississippians recognize that war is a tragedy of mankind, but an ever present reality of the imperfect world in which we live.

Our state's base communities have welcomed our Army, Air Force, Naval, Marine, National Guard and Reserve personnel to our state, accepted them and in many instances Mississippi has become a permanent home for them after their military career.

Though it is hard for us in Mississippi to imagine, there are some communities in our country which frankly show a contempt for our military, and a dismissive attitude about their presence.

To the contrary, Mississippians have displayed



## FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator  
Trent Lott

their support for our military time and time again, sometimes rallying the whole community behind our bases in times of national crisis, or in times when the future of our local installations seemed bleak.

Strategic mission: Most of Mississippi's bases serve to train the next generation of air force pilots, national guardsmen, naval aviators and technicians.

Training is what makes our military the most formidable force in the world. As we rebuild our military we will certainly need these world-class training facilities. I have asked Secretary Rumsfeld to keep training bases away from any base closure consideration.

Right now Mississippi's training bases are operating at full capacity, while other domestic and foreign bases are not heavily used.

Room to grow: Many of America's military installations are in other parts of the globe, including Europe. If the Europeans are to take more responsibility for their own defense, the U.S. should close its foreign bases first, before putting our domestic communities through the very difficult closure process.

Luckily, Mississippi's facilities do not have this problem. For instance, NAS Meridian and Columbus AFB are located well away from the city proper.

There is room for new operations, base expansions and other growth at these facilities, giving them another key advantage over other installations. If anything, we should be expand-

ing these facilities.

Busy bases: Secretary Rumsfeld says our military still has many excess facilities that should be closed. However, Mississippi's busy installations certainly do not fit into the excess capacity description.

In addition to asking Secretary Rumsfeld to limit any base closure process to one round, I have also requested that we target only facilities with excess capacity, if a round occurs.

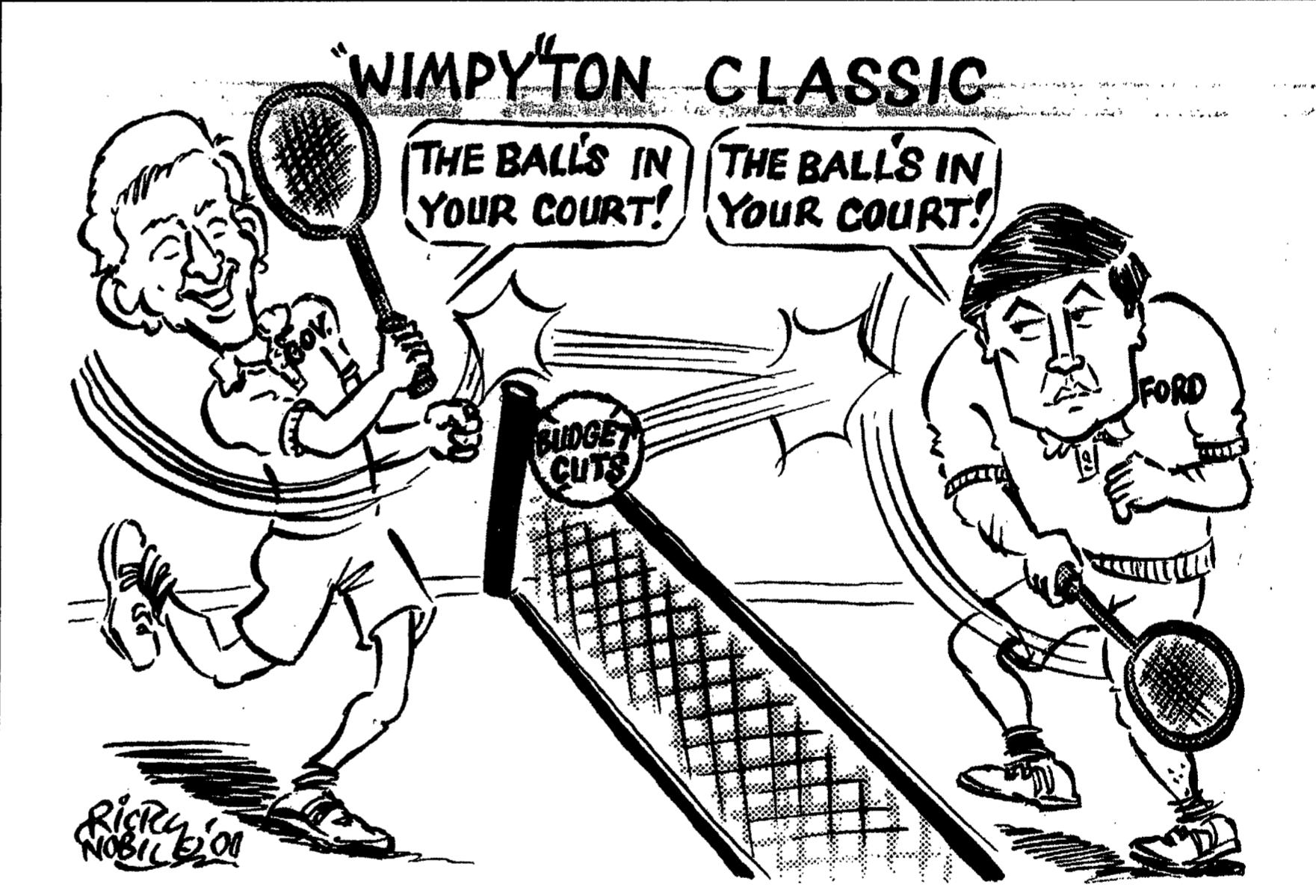
Many of our excess facilities are in other parts of the globe, including Europe. If the Europeans are to take more responsibility for their own defense, the U.S. should close its foreign bases first, before putting our domestic communities through the very difficult closure process.

Congressional opposition to BRAC: I also remain opposed to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC). This supposedly independent commission was supposed to take politics out of the base closure process, but it has failed.

Neither has BRAC shown any savings from previous closure rounds.

For years, Congress made base closure decisions based on recommendations from our mil-

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## TECHNICALITIES

By Phil Bryant  
State Auditor  
MUNICIPALITIES

Q How may a municipal police department spend money received from a court related to a drug forfeiture?

A Such funds may be expended for any of its law enforcement purposes, subject to a separate budget approved by the board/council. (§41-29-181 and §41-29-185)

Q What authority do new municipal officers (mayor, board members, etc.) have?

A Municipal officers have only those municipal function powers set out by state law for their specific position and form of government; and only for the period of time elected to office. New officials should review legal authority and/or consult with their board attorney prior to taking any official actions.

Q Should a new municipal board review existing policies

and procedures?

A Yes. State laws mandate certain procedures and grant municipal governing authorities authority to develop policies. A determination should be made that procedures are legal and policies reflect the position of the new board.

Q Should a new board reappoint its officers for the new term?

A Yes. (§21-3-5, 21-8-23, 21-9-27)

Q Must a municipality advertise to hire employees or contractors for services?

A No. This is a local policy decision; however, purchases of commodities, construction, printing and solid waste services are subject to state bidding procedures. (§31-7-13)

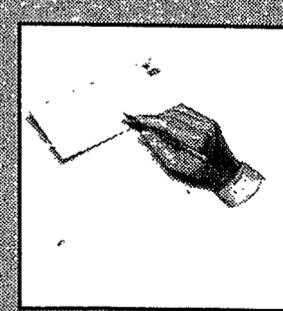
Q May a municipality contract with its officers or employees or their relatives (parent, spouse or child)?

A No. Specific questions related to ethics should be pre-

## Letters to the Editor

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sented to the Mississippi Ethics Commission at (601) 359-4285. (\$25-4-105 and §109 Miss. Constitution)

Q How can a municipality acquire access to the Miss. Code (State Laws)?

A Yes, a municipality subject to regulations prescribed by the State Auditor's Office?

Q Is a municipality subject to regulations prescribed by the State Auditor's Office?

A Yes, for such things as budgeting, accounting, auditing, petty cash funds and travel advances. These regulations may be found in the "Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide" on file in the City Clerk's Office.

## Transportation bill contains projects for Hancock

U.S. Senator Trent Lott and Congressman Chip Pickering praised the FY 2002 Transportation Appropriations Bill as reported by the Senate Appropriations committee.

The bill contains a variety of important projects for communities throughout Mississippi. It will be considered by the full Senate possibly as early as next week.

"Improved education, better education and jobs, are the priorities which I believe will transform our state and create a better life for Mississippi's people," Senator Lott said.

"This bill contains some very significant funding that can improve public safety and facilitate new residential and economic growth in all parts of our state. I am going to work aggressively toward the passage of this bill in the full Senate."

"The Airport Parkway will increase access and ease traffic flow in Rankin County," Congressman Pickering said.

"This helps to tie together the overall economic development plan for Rankin County with the developing international air cargo center at the Jackson International Airport."

The following are Mississippi projects contained in the FY 2002 Transportation Appropriations Bill:

\* \$11 Million - Airport Parkway Connectors & Pearl River Bridge - this funding will

be used in the construction of a four lane divided highway from I-55 to SR 475 at the Jackson International Airport and will relieve traffic congestion on three existing routes: I-20, US 80 & SR 25. MDOT is utilizing \$7.5 million of TEA 21 funds to design the project and begin acquiring right of way.

Funding in the Transportation Appropriation Bill will be used for construction. Project's total cost estimated at roughly \$150 million.

\* \$3 Million - The Stack (I-55 & I-20 interchange in Jackson) - funding will be used for Phase 3 of this project which has a total estimated cost of \$50 million. Phases 1 & 2 are already complete and open to traffic. Phase 3 will provide a 'flyover' that will carry traffic from US 49 directly to I-55.

This will significantly reduce traffic congestion on I-20 in this vicinity.

\* Mississippi Airports - AIP (Airport Improvement Program) priority language for several MS airports including Stennis International Airport, Jackson International Airport, Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport & Olive Branch Airport, Tunica Airport, Mid-Delta Regional in Greenville, and Waynesboro Municipal.

\* 2.1 Million - Pascagoula Airport - funding will be used for terminal air traffic control facilities.

\* \$855,000 - Olive Branch Airport - funding will be used for a medium intensity approach lighting system (MALSR).

\* \$750,000 - Stennis International Airport - funding will be used for a medium intensity approach lighting system (MALSR).

\* \$12 Million - SR 67 from I-110 to US 49 - this project will support a four lane highway between I-110 in Biloxi and US 49 at Saucier. Project will relieve traffic congestion on US 49, US 90, & I-10. Project includes a diamond interchange at the new Cowan-Lorraine Road Extension.

\* \$12 Million - I-69 in DeSoto & Tunica Counties - this funding will be used toward construction of I-69 from Odom Road to I-55.

\* \$8 Million - Harrison County Multimodal Project - funding is from the Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Account for this project which will provide hydro-electric shuttle buses and park-and-ride facilities for the coastal area of Harrison County. The project will significantly relieve traffic congestion in this vicinity.

\* \$4 Million - Hattiesburg Intermodal Project - City is seeking to develop a modern intermodal facility in its historic train depot. Project is aimed at seamlessly integrating urban mass transit with future

high speed rail and is critical to efforts to revitalize downtown Hattiesburg.

\* \$2 Million - Jackson Multimodal Transportation Center - funding will be used to renovate the facility which will house the downtown Jackson Multimodal Transportation Center at Union Station; funds will also assist with water proofing of all rail tracks, lining the roof structure, and assist in relocating a bus terminal to the Center.

\* \$1 Million - Harrison County Intelligent Transportation System - project will utilize geographic information system, differential global positioning system, and geo-spatial analysis technologies to reduce the number and severity of motor carrier accidents and hazardous material incidents.

The Harrison County Sheriff's Department will coordinate this multi-agency effort which will include the Police Departments of Gulfport, Biloxi, Long Beach, and Pass Christian in addition to the Sheriff's Departments of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana and Mobile County, Alabama.

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## Lott -- military

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itary leaders. The future of our bases, our security and our base communities should certainly be up to those you elect, instead of an unelected commission.

Base infrastructure: Our active duty and reserve component bases have been rebuilt and are in great shape. No other bases in the country have been modernized more than Mississippi's bases. Since 1997, I have helped secure about

\$500 million in military construction projects for Mississippi's active and reserve installations.

Mississippi's bases enjoy the support of our communities. They have important missions, including training, and they can readily be expanded. They are modernized facilities bustling with activity, and they enjoy the support of Congressional representation

opposed to BRAC.

We haven't lost a base yet,

and our state is arguably more

prepared to resist base closure

today than at any time before.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn. Press Office)

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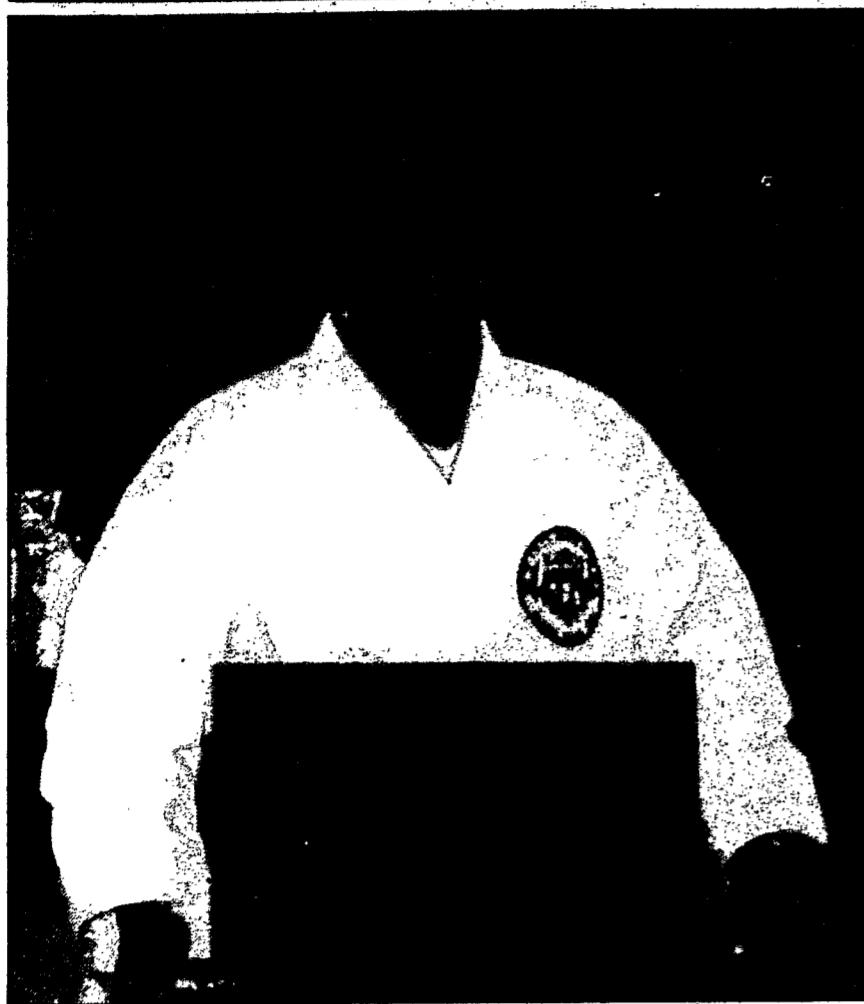
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# SPORTS



Lisa Au of Hawaii receives the Sean Connery Award

## Ladner coaches USA karate team in world championship

Rannie Ladner of Waveland was chosen as one of the coaches for the AAU-USA Karate Team. Ladner is owner and instructor of the Gulf Coast Shotokan Karate Club in Waveland.

The team consisted of 20 athletes from around the USA and competed in the WKC World Championship in Aberdeen, Scotland. The tournament consisted of 44 countries.

Ladner said, "I felt like we had a very strong team representing the USA, but the competitors were phenomenal. The fighters were very gifted and talented, and the katas were the best I had ever seen."

"We were strong in every area, but sometimes the breaks weren't going our way. Our ladies team seemed to be the strongest. We had two ladies from Hawaii. Barbra Chinien and Lisa Au

Rannie Ladner  
Coach

were unstoppable. Barbra Chinien received first place in Kata and Lisa Au received first place in fighting, and she also received the one and only 'Sean Connery Award.'

The ladies also placed second in team fighting. Some of the divisions had over 80 competitors. Some of our athletes were a half point away from first place.

The team fought very hard, and we were very pleased with the outcome, even if the results were not medals. Several of our heavyweight fighters were disqualified for excessive contact. "Overall, the USA made a very strong showing, and it was an honor just being part of the AAU-USA Karate Team. The trip was and is always a learning experience, and the countryside was beautiful, but it is always good to get back to my favorite place, Waveland."

## Check boating equipment before problems occur

By James L. Cummins  
Unless you have already done so, now is the perfect time to check your boating equipment.

However, for most fishing and boating enthusiasts, the only time we think about our equipment is when something is broken.

And this usually occurs when we are late, hungry or in the most remote area. Only now do we realize the true meaning of words like "fear," "stress," "self-control" and "preventative maintenance," as well as use a few other words that we won't mention here.

In other words you may be so excited to get on the water that you might not spend enough time checking safety equipment, maintaining your boat and motor or making other preparations for a safe trip.

There are several things one must consider in preparing for the season. The primary function of your boat trailer is to move your boat.

Contrary to popular belief, it is not to cause you to look for wheel bearings or tires before daylight on Saturday morning, or to take long walks to the nearest pay-phone. We both know the original plan was to be skiing, pleasure riding or fishing. Right?

Minor details like tire maintenance or replacement, wheel bearing lubrication or replacement will help you at least get to the water before trouble begins.

On to the boat. Boats are designed to move us from point

A to point B. And boats that do not run properly have been known to ruin an otherwise great day at the lake.

So, after taking your boat out of storage, and after you have fixed the trailer, there are several things you can do to enable the boat and motor to run better and longer. First, check navigation lights on your boat. A boat without navigation lights is part of the formula for disaster.

Next, check the lower unit of the motor. There should be two plugs in it. If you open the lower one and oil comes out, it is okay. However, if water runs out, have the lower unit checked by your local outboard dealer.

Water indicates that a seal has been broken or lost. This seal is not expensive to replace, but if you run an engine with a broken seal major problems can occur and ruin your day.

If your gas tank has been left with gas in it throughout winter, a small amount of condensation may have occurred. If you use that gas, adding an octane restoring additive will improve engine operation.

Also, if the engine has not been run in several months, a small amount of rusting may have occurred on the cylinder walls. To alleviate this problem, add a small amount of oil to each cylinder.

Next, pull the propeller, grease the prop shaft and check the shaft for any monofilament line or string that may be entangled on the shaft.

## HMC's first Scrub Scramble planned at Pass Isles course

The Hancock Medical Center Foundation's first Scrub Scramble golf tournament will be Friday, July 20 at Pass Christian Isles Golf Course.

The shotgun start at 1 p.m. will allow golfers to work in the morning and start the weekend early, according to co-chairman Maurice Singleton of Bay St. Louis.

The four-person scramble format allows for maximum fun for players of all skill levels.

Prizes include \$500 in gift certificates to Academy Sports

to each first place team with low net and low gross and \$400 in gift certificates to the Pass Christian Isles Pro Shop for second place low net and low gross teams.

Entry fee is \$70 per golfer. All competitors will receive a customized scrub shirt, box lunch and beverages.

For information or to register, call John Baxter at 466-5930, Maurice Singleton at 386-7138, or Janet McQueen at 467-8790.

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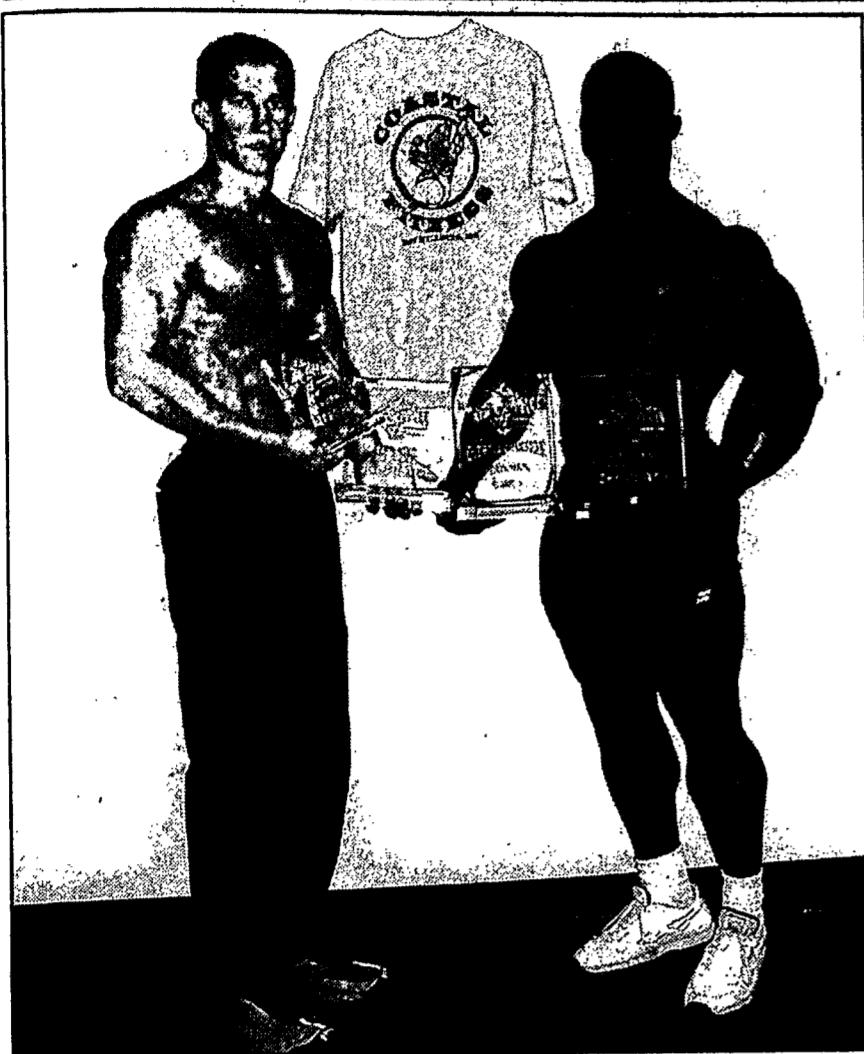
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# SPORTS



## Body builders

Garrett Garcia and Charles Hawkins, both of Coastal Wellness & Fitness Center in Bay St. Louis, recently won awards in the New Orleans Bodybuilding & Fitness Champions Competition at the McAlister Auditorium, Tulane University. Garcia placed first in the Teen (18 & Over Division), and was Best Poser Overall. Hawkins was Overall Champion and First Place in the Light Heavyweight Division.

## Woods to lead Wolves

The Mississippi Sea Wolves announced that Bob Woods, player/assistant coach for the past three seasons, will take the reigns as the fourth head coach in the team's five year history.

Woods, a member of the 1999 Kelly Cup Championship team, is the ECHL's all time games played leader with 599.

In his 13 professional seasons, Woods has played in the American Hockey League, the Colonial Hockey League, the International Hockey League, the East Coast Hockey League and in Europe.

His impressive career on the ice was highlighted with a Calder Cup Championship is Hersey and a Kelly Cup Championship here in

Mississippi.

"My experience as a player and an assistant coach in the ECHL will be a huge benefit to me," commented Woods on his first head coaching job.

"I feel I have an advantage because I know this league, I know the players and I've played in almost every rink. I've been on the Coast for some time, and I'm a part of this community. Every coach has to start somewhere ... I'm happy I get to start here."

"With his playing experience, his background, his personality and his work ethic he can only succeed," added Sea Wolves Owner/ General Manager Jean Gagnon.

## DMR announces boat and water safety class schedule for July-Sept.

The Department of Marine Resources' (DMR) Boat and Water Safety class schedule for July through Sept. is now available.

Classes are free and open to the public and all age groups. So far this year, the DMR has conducted more than 38 boat and water safety classes and certified more than 359 students.

The State Marine Patrol issued 209 citations for boat and water safety violations from January to May 2001. Of these, 50 were for insufficient personal flotation devices (PFD). For the same time period, Marine Patrol reports that there were 14 boating accidents and four deaths.

In order to operate a motor boat or personal watercraft in Mississippi, those born after June 30, 1980 are required to successfully complete an approved boating safety course and to have a certificate of satisfactory completion in their possession while in operation of the motorboat.

In Mississippi it is against the law for anyone under the age of 12 to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft unless they possess a certificate and are accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person who is at least 21 years of age.

In an effort to help save lives, a new law has taken effect requiring anyone riding or operating a personal watercraft in Mississippi waters, including those waters north of Interstate 10, to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved type 1, 2, or 3 PFD. Marine Patrol officers have been enforcing a similar ordinance in Mississippi waters south of Interstate 10 since January 2000.

To help reduce the risk of a potential accident, the DMR encourages everyone to enroll in

## Reserved football tickets on sale now at PRCC

Reserved season football tickets are now on sale at Pearl River Community College.

Tickets for all five home games, with seats in the chair-backed section on the 50-yard line are \$50 each. Individual game selection in the reserved section are \$10 per ticket per game.

The Pearl River Wildcats will open their 2001 season at home against Coahoma Community College on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. in Dobie Holden Stadium.

Other home games this fall include Holmes Community College on Thursday, Sept. 13, Jones County Junior College on Saturday, Sept. 29, Copiah-Lincoln Community College on Saturday, Oct. 13, and Gulf Coast Community College for Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Road games this fall include Hinds Community College on Thursday, Sept. 20, Southwest Community College on Saturday, Oct. 6, Northeast Community College on Thursday, Oct. 25, and East Central Community College on Thursday, Nov. 1.

To order, mail checks to the Pearl River Community College Department of Athletics, P.O. Box 5440, Poplarville, MS 39470 or call (601) 403-1184.

Season ticket holders will have first choice of seats and complimentary parking near the stadium.

The Wildcats, under new head football coach Scott Maxfield, will kick off fall drills on Thursday, Aug. 9. Meet the Wildcats will be held Thursday, Aug. 30.

## Fire Dogs name Players of Week

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the National Indoor Football League, NIFL, have announced the team's selections for offensive, defensive and special team players of the game, after the Fire Dogs' 56-29 win in the Dog House against the Louisiana Rangers.

Second year Receiver #4 Lamont Woodberry was selected offensive player of the game. Woodberry had five receptions for 84 yards and three touchdowns through the air while adding a TD on the ground.

Head Coach Irvin Favre said, "Lamont had a great ball game, he has stepped up and become our go-to guy in the passing game. He has become a leader on and off the field."

Defensive player of the game goes to second year Defensive Lineman #75 Derrick Cagins. Cagins had five tackles, one tackle for loss and 1.5 sacks.

Favre said, "Monte is a leader on special teams, he sacrifice his body then goes and plays the same way on defense. He is an exciting player to watch."

The 12-1 Fire Dogs will play host to the 7-6 Tupelo Fire Ants, Saturday, July 14 with kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

For information, call the Mississippi Fire Dogs office at 228-388-1876.

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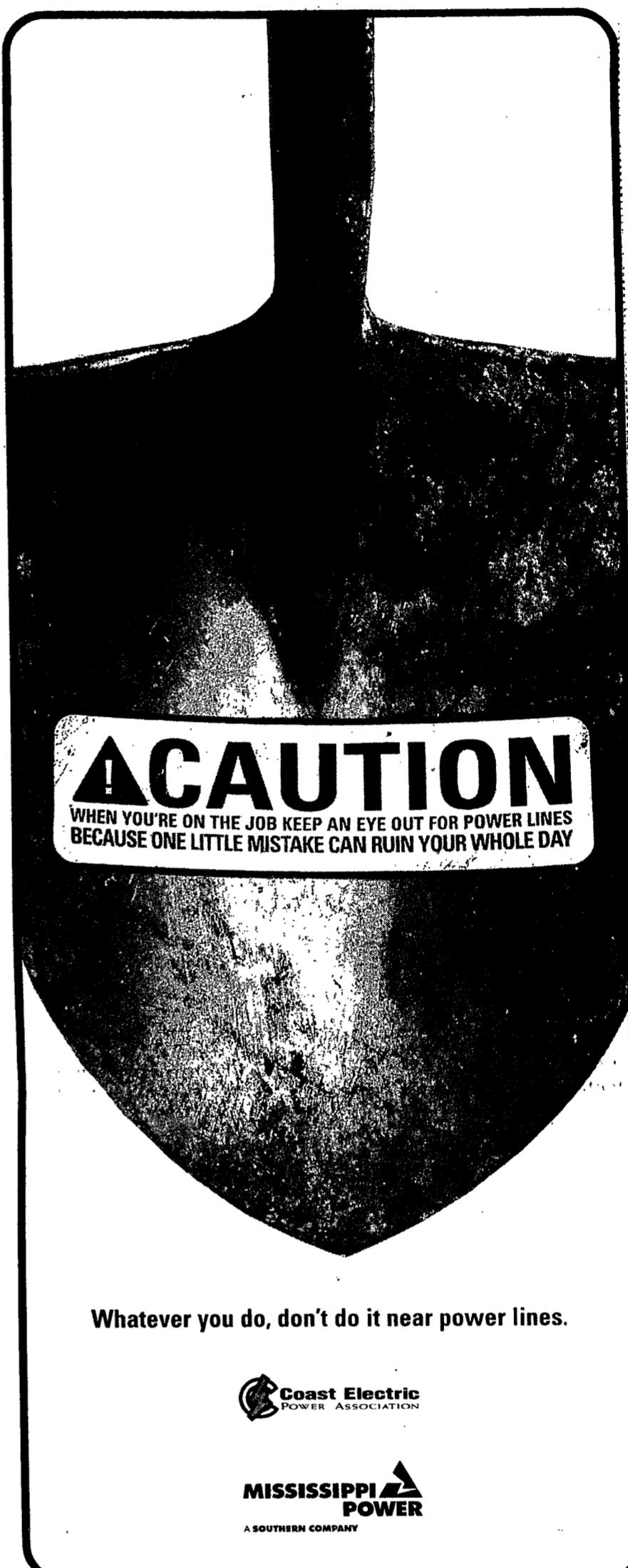
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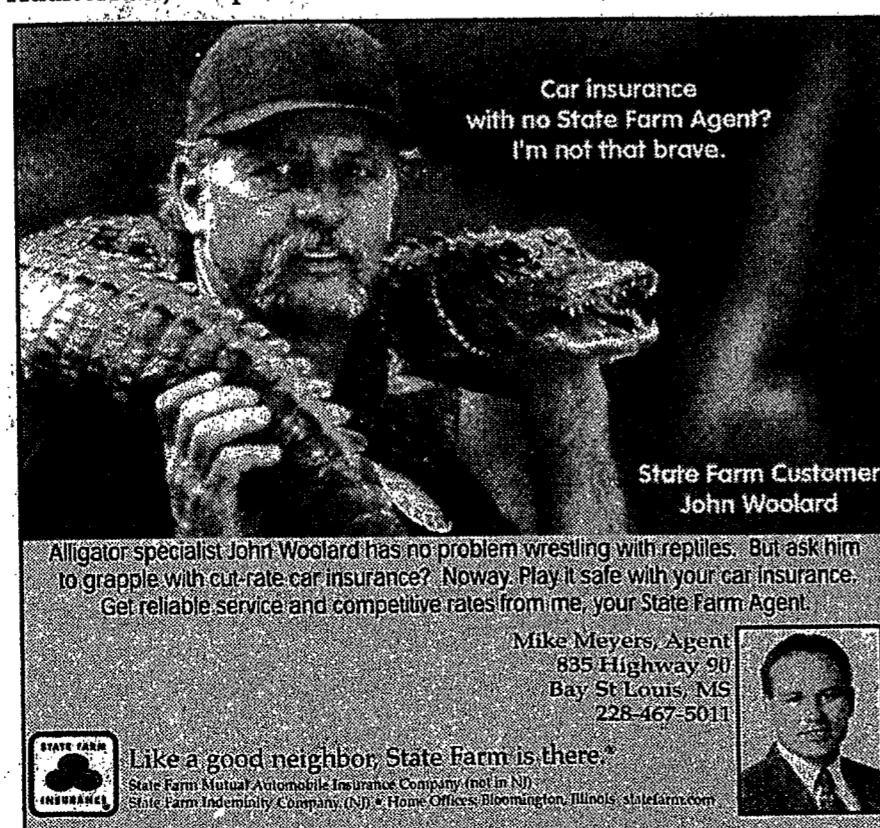
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## Obituaries

**BETTY C. CARTER**  
**EMMA M. HUNT**  
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**BETTY C. CARTER**  
Betty C. Carter, 69, of Long Beach, died Tuesday, July 10, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Carter was a native and lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, was a graduate of Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and a retired registered nurse. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay G. Carter, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Castelin.

Survivors include two brothers, Joseph Castelin of Bay St. Louis and Fred W. Castelin of Winter Park, Fla.; and a sister, Rose C. McKellar of Jackson.

Services were conducted Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church followed by burial in Southern Memorial Park and Mausoleum in Biloxi directed by Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach.

The family prefers memorials to St. Thomas Catholic

Church, 720 E. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560.

**EMMA M. HUNT**

Emma M. Hunt, 93, of Waveland, died Saturday, July 14, 2001, in Slidell.

Mrs. Hunt was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Hunt; her parents, George and Mabel Clements Morton; and her sister, Florence Griffin.

Survivors include a son, Charles Leon Hunt of Naples, Fla.; a daughter, Florence Joy Harrison of Waveland; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be on Tuesday, July 17, at Lakewood Memorial Park in Jackson. The family prefers memorials to the American Heart Association.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**CHARLES J. LUC**

Charles James Luc, 69, of Waveland, died Saturday, July 14, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

## Hope Haven kicks off membership drive with Sunday beach party

Hope Haven Children's Shelter is throwing a "beach party" on Sunday afternoon, July 22, as a start for its two-month membership drive. The kick-off party will be held at "Daydreams" underneath the "Good Life" on Beach Blvd., downtown Bay St. Louis.

Festivities begin at noon with a live band "Distinctive Attitude" playing from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Free hamburgers, hot dogs and chips will be served, and liquid refreshments can be purchased.

There is no admission or cover charge to attend. Children are welcome, however young children must be closely supervised due to the proximity of the water.

The local children's shelter is entering its sixth year of operation and has been an example of how concerned citizens can make a difference.

Started by four local women, Carole Ripley, Mary Carpenter, Lois Griffin and Bobbie Barr, the non-profit "beat the odds" and has become a valued community resource.

The shelter has provided a safe haven for over 700 children from birth through 18 years of age and is supported by many local businesses, municipalities, organizations and citizens.

"We want to show our appreciation to everyone who has supported us," said Judy Thompson, board member and event organizer.

"But we also need to boost our membership, as our new shelter will cost more to operate. We can now accept up to 15 children, and that means higher bills on everything from electricity to food, clothing and school supplies.

Our membership contributions were about 7 percent of our support last year and we have set a goal on increasing that to at least 10 percent for this coming year.

Like many charities, as the economy cooled down over the last six months we have seen a significant decrease in contributions. Memberships provide a stable source of income that we really need."

As part of the membership drive, Hope Haven will be offering new and renewing members, who sign up at the "sponsorship" level (\$100 per year) or higher, a variety of gifts.

The gifts have been donated to the charity or have been purchased with donations earmarked for such a purpose, and no operational funds are involved. 100 percent of all membership pledges are used to operate the shelter and care for the children.

Hope Haven is the only non-profit children's shelter on the Coast, and it serves children from all of the local counties.

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## Tidelands

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learned they would have had a better chance of funding had the county offered some kind of match.

Loftus ranks expansion of the county marina at Bayou Caddy as the top priority. The county is requesting \$350,000 in Tidelands funds and is offering a \$40,000 local match.

According to the application, supervisors want to use the funds to construct a small fishing pier and more slips for commercial and recreational boats. Currently, there are only slips for commercial vessels to lease at the county marina.

Second in priority, according to the application, is a request for \$30,000 for continued improvements and repairs at the Washington Street Pier. The county is offering an initial match of \$5,000.

Third on the list of projects is a request for another \$100,000 for expansion of the Clermont Harbor Pier. The county pledges a \$10,000 match.

Funds would be used to extend the pier between Clermont Harbor and Buccaneer State Park to approximately 300 feet. The first unit of the pier, a 50-foot walkway with a canopy, was recently completed at a cost of about \$49,000. Another \$150,000 is being requested for continued improvements at McLeod Water Park. The county is offering a \$15,000 match.

Funds would be used to add restrooms, shower facilities,

and a pavilion and to improve piers used for fishing and temporary mooring for vessels.

The county is also requesting \$150,000 to dredge Paradise Bayou, the main outlet to the Bay of St. Louis and the Jourdan River from Diamondhead. The county is offering a \$15,000 match.

In the application, Loftus said many residents outside the Diamondhead Community also use this bayou from the Bay and Jourdan River to purchase fuel and bait at the Diamondhead Marina. However, during the winter months, a number of Diamondhead boats are landlocked due to the shallow waters in the bayou, he explained.

For fiscal 2002, the county requested a total of \$515,000. The county is seeking \$250,000 to build more slips at the Bayou Caddy Marina; \$75,000 to expand the Dunbar Ave. pier; \$60,000 for improvements to the Curtis Johnson boat launch in the NASA buffer zone; \$100,000 to extend the Clermont Harbor pier from its current 50 feet to 200 feet; and \$30,000 for a patrol vessel for the sheriff's department.

## Monday night service at First Baptist Church

On Monday, July 16, the interim pastor, will deliver the message, and Wordie Carroll, former member, will lead the music. The public is invited. There is no admission charge.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. Dr. Bobby Perry, former

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Eight insurers command 65% of market share in hurricane-prone states

In hurricane-prone states, residents are covered by just eight large property and casualty insurers, according to a recent analysis by Weiss Ratings, Inc., the nation's only provider of independent insurance company ratings and analyses.

In 2000, eight carriers commanded 50.4% of the market in Florida, 57.5% in North Carolina, 62.3% in South Carolina, 81.4% in Texas, and 64.1% in Louisiana. Those eight companies are:

State Farm: Homeowners premium (\$000) 7,530,049; market share hurricane-prone states 26.5%; market share national 21.8%

Allstate: Homeowners premium (\$000) 3,971,965; market share hurricane-prone states 13.3%; market share national 11.5%

Zurich Financial Services Group: Homeowners premium (\$000) 2,916,221; market share hurricane-prone states 7.8%; market share national 8.5%;

Nationwide Group: Homeowners premium (\$000) 1,243,337; market share hurricane-prone states 3.9%; market share national 3.6%

USAA Group: Homeowners premium (\$000) 1,234,242; market share hurricane-prone states 5.3%; market share national 3.6%

Safeco: Homeowners premium (\$000) 826,365; market share hurricane-prone states 1.2%; market share national 2.4%

Liberty Mutual: Homeowners premium (\$000) 708,535; market share hurricane-prone states 1.5%; market share national 2.1%

Total of Top 8: Homeowners premium (\$000) 19,984,239; market share hurricane-prone states 65.1%; market share national 58.0%

Industry Total: Homeowners premium (\$000) 34,476,747; market share national 100.0%

Just two companies – State Farm and Allstate – controlled 39.8% of the total market share in the hurricane-prone states last year.

Their shared market dominance in Florida where they hold one third (33%) of all policies is particularly striking.

"To understand why this is cause for concern, just remember what happened in the wake of Hurricane Andrew in South Florida," explained Martin D. Weiss, Ph.D., chairman of Weiss Ratings.

"Insurers claimed it was unreasonable for them to be expected to cover risks of such magnitude and ceased writing new business, they asked regulators for help in paying claims,

and they jacked up rates. Now, nine years later, those same players have achieved an even more dominant position in the market."

Over exposure in a hurricane-prone state portends danger for the financial health of an insurer. Already this year, \$2 billion in damages were recorded in Texas and Louisiana as a result of Tropical Storm Allison, and 11 more named storms are predicted for the remainder of 2001.

Last year, Zurich had the most exposure, with 36% of its total homeowners business in the five hurricane-prone states. Among the remaining seven insurers, the exposure ranged from 11% (Safeco) to 32.7% (USAA).

The growing concentration of the homeowners insurance market is a national phenomenon that has been progressing for many years.

At year-end 2000, the same eight insurers controlled a record 58% of the market, compared to only 26% in 1965, while State Farm and Allstate have increased their market penetration even more dramatically – up from just six percent of the national market in 1965 to 33.3% in 2000.

"With too few choices for consumers and too much risk for insurers, this over-reliance on a small group of companies for critical homeowners coverage is a major cause of concern for both consumers and state governments," said Dr. Weiss.

Profits of Property and Casualty Insurers Decline 55% From 1997 to 2000

The nation's property and casualty insurers, covering more than 30 lines of business, saw profits decline 55% in three years, from \$59.1 billion in 1997 to \$26.7 billion in 2000.

This drop was caused by a combination of increased underwriting losses and decreased investment income, which is typically used by insurers to offset underwriting losses.

In 1997, insurers' underwriting losses hit \$875 million – their lowest point in ten years – and began climbing until they reached \$27 billion in 2000.

This three-year period coincides with the hardening of the underwriting cycle, which occurs as insurers raise rates in response to mounting losses.

Companies experiencing the largest decline in underwriting earnings from 1997 to 2000 are: State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company (Ill.), declining \$4.7 billion; State Farm Fire and Casualty Company (Ill.), declining \$1.4 billion; Allstate Insurance Company (Ill.), declining \$908 million; and United Services Auto Association (Texas), declining \$817 million.

Return on average assets was 1.11% for the quarter ended June 30, 2001, and return on average shareholder's equity was 10.16%.

Hancock's June 30, 2001, results do not include the impact of the company's acquisition of Lamar Capital Corporation, completed July 1, 2001.



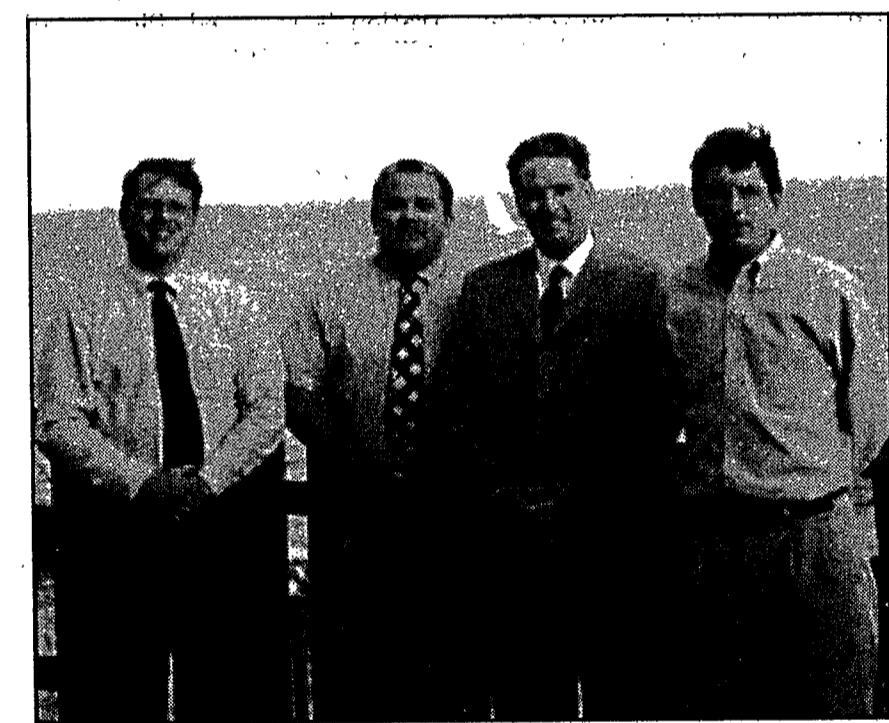
### Receives award

Angelyn Treutel receives the American Association of Managing General Agents Achievement Award from Preston Gough, president of Southern Cross Underwriters at the 103rd Annual Convention of the Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi. The award was given in recognition of Treutel's contributions as chairperson of IIAM's Technology Committee. Founded in 1899, IIAM is one of Mississippi's oldest and largest associations, representing a network of more than 240 independent insurance agencies located throughout the state. Independent insurance agents provide customers with a choice of policies from a variety of insurance companies and offer multiple lines of insurance, including property, casualty, life, health, employee benefit plans and retirement products.

### Chamber co-sponsors workshop

The USM Small Business Development Center is offering a workshop, "Finding Money For Your Small Business" on Thursday, July 26, 1:4 p.m. at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, 412 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis.

This workshop is for current or potential small business owners interested in financing. For information, call 228-865-4578. Speakers from a variety of



### Acquisition

C. C. Lynch & Associates, Inc. (CCLA), of Pass Christian, has acquired EMSI, Inc. of Houston, Texas. CCLA is an employee-owned sales and service company specializing in environmental instrumentation since 1966. EMSI is a manufacturer representative and service company founded in 1980. "The EMSI, Inc. acquisition allows us to merge inventory and administrations, freeing up more resources for sales and customer service and expanding our Texas operations," according to CCLA President Trey Campbell. "The product lines and markets served are near identical which should equate to a rapid transition." The acquisition will increase the CCLA operation to \$8 million annual sales with a total of 26 employees. Pictured are Malcolm Lynch, vice president, left; Trey Campbell, president; Dan McCormack, EMSI; and Russell Park, vice president.

### Hancock Holding reports increased quarterly earnings

Hancock Holding Company (Nasdaq: HBHC) reported earnings of \$8,930 million, or \$.83 earnings per share for the quarter ended June 30, 2001.

Comparable earnings for second quarter 2000 were \$8,454 million, or \$.78 per share. On a year-to-date basis, Hancock earned \$17.5 million, or \$1.63 per share. Comparable year-to-date earnings for 2000 were \$16.9 million, or \$1.56 per share.

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## Black-eyed Susan vines perfect for all gardens



### SOUTHERN GARDENING

BY NORMAN WINTER  
MSU Horticulturist  
Central Mississippi Research & Extension Center

One of the most striking vines for the Southern landscape is about to get a new infusion of promotion thanks to the debut of two new varieties.

Sunny Orange Wonder and Sunny Lemon Star are new black-eyed Susan vines (*Thunbergia alata*) being introduced by BallFlora Plant. Hopefully they will make their way to garden centers next spring.

Black-eyed Susan vines have been around but are much underused. To date, Susie is the most recognized variety and comes in yellow, orange and white. Angel Wings has white flowers and an ever-so-light fragrance.

The colorful bright orange, yellow or white flowers, resembling black-eyed Susans, adorn a vigorous climbing annual.

I frequently talk to gardeners who practically swear these flowers are yellow or orange with brown buttons similar to a rudbeckia, but you will see the difference if you look closely. These are actually tubular flowers that are brownish-purple inside.

The black-eyed Susan is a very versatile vine. It can be grown at the entrance to the cottage garden or as a bright addition to the tropical garden. Regardless, grow them over an arbor or along a fence. They will even work on the mailbox.

Some of the prettiest companion plants in the cottage garden are perennial blue salvias, such as Victoria Blue, *Salvia indigo-spires* or the Blue Anise sage.

I also like the new Angelmist

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## ALL ALONG THE WATCH TOWER



Mary Wilcox can finally get back to a lifelong interest, painting. She has transformed part of the round room at the base of the tower into an art studio

### Clermont woman's unusual family home draws attention from all over the country

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

**C**lermont Harbor resident Mary Wilcox is a very private person living in what was once a very public place. A tower on her property, built in 1943, by her father Hugh Turner Carr, is popularly known as the Clermont Harbor light house, though the building was never a lighthouse, and instead served as a watchtower during WW II.

The tower was featured in all kinds of articles, Wilcox said, in local papers, Down South Magazine and even a brochure from the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce in the 1960s. At one time her father ran an antique business and woodworking shop from the property.

"My father was an amazing man, incredibly talented," said Wilcox. "I just happen to be his daughter."

"Just last week a strange man came right up to my door, passed my large glaring dog and knocked, saying that his wife wanted to see the tower," said Wilcox. "I told him that the property was no longer open to the public."

These days, all Wilcox really wants is to be left alone in the peace and quiet of her tree-filled retreat to do the painting she never had time to do before.

"There was always something else to do," Wilcox said.

Wilcox and her husband Delmar raised five children and ran a successful appliance business on Coleman Ave. in Waveland for years.

The two bought the property from her father in 1965, "just in time for Camille," said Wilcox. Carr moved to the country in the North of the county and stayed there until he died in 1984 at the age of 88.

"I think he was tired of hurricanes," Wilcox said. Delmar passed away two years ago.

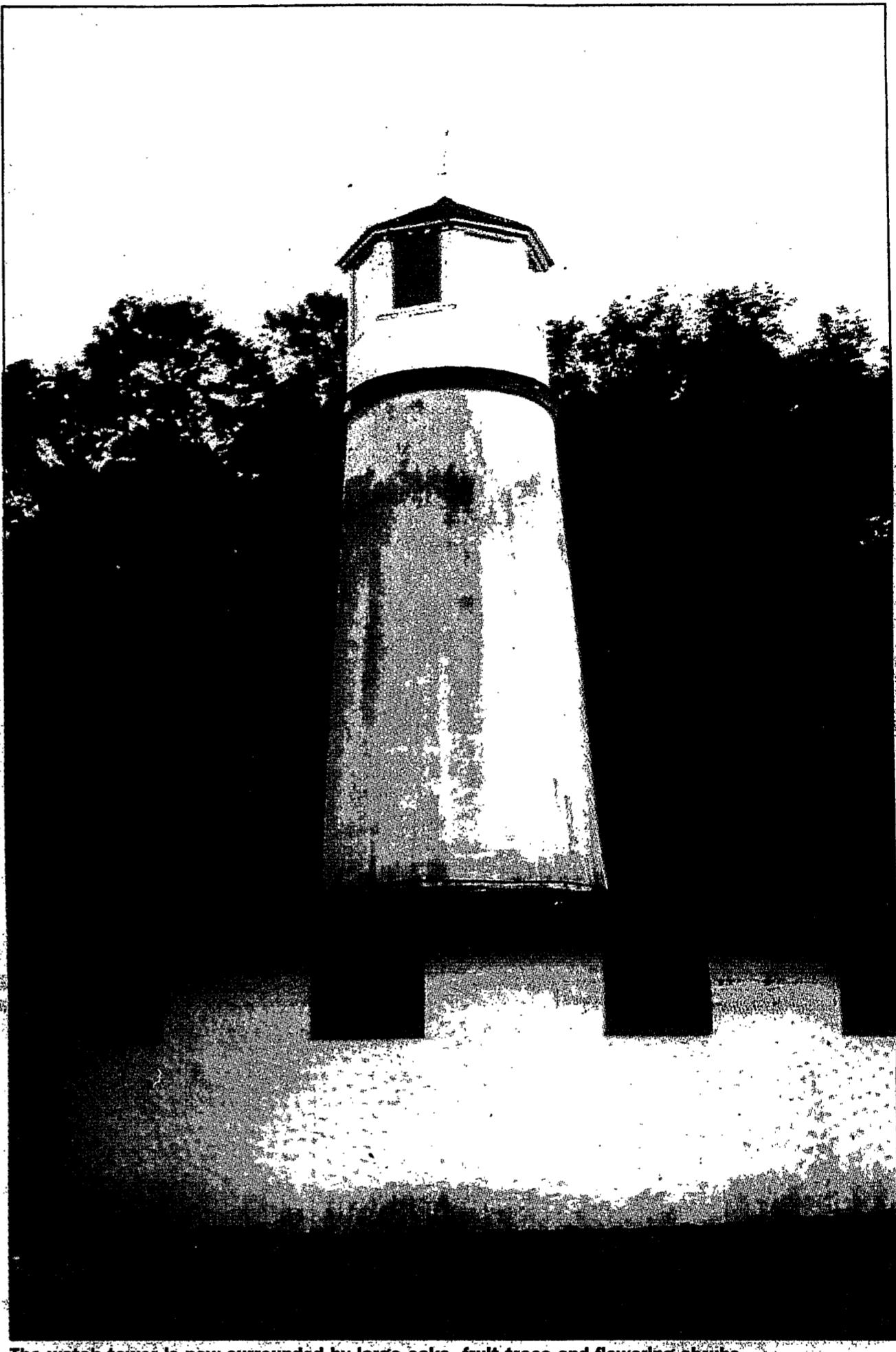
Wilcox has set up her studio in the room that her father built around the base of the tower to serve as temporary living quarters after the 1947 hurricane, which destroyed the Carr home. The round room has been used for many things through the years, including a workshop for her father's antique business.

"But for years it's been used mainly for storage," Wilcox said. Now Wilcox has started a tradition with her 10 grandchildren. She allows them to use the base of the tower for their painting projects, while she works in the studio.

The tower itself stands 40 feet high with 49 steps winding in a spiral to the top landing, where countless volunteers stood watch, on round-the-clock shifts during WWII.

During the war years, watch stations were common in coastal areas.

Carr built the tower from an informal design he drew himself on a piece of paper, using materials from the family



The watch tower is now surrounded by large oaks, fruit trees and flowering shrubs.

sawmill and lumber business, which closed down during the war years, Wilcox said. He was a member of the Civil Defense and volunteered for the project because it was something he enjoyed doing, Wilcox said. She was a teen-ager at the time.

Wilcox remembers that there was a phone at the top of the tower so the volunteers could call in their sightings to the Third Fighter Command.

At times, there were a lot of trainers (bi-planes) out over the water, she said. She also

remembers how excited her father was to see one of the first jet planes fly past the area.

Back then, the area was clear all the way to the beach. Now it is hard to imagine that a coastal watch took place at the tower. The view from the top these days is still beautiful.

But instead of beach and stretches of unbroken sky, the view is of large fruit trees, oaks and flowering shrubs, Wilcox's private Mecca.

If the tower on the property

were not enough of an attraction for curious eyes, then the two-story round house that two generations of the family have now called home completes the draw. The original house was destroyed in the 1947 hurricane.

The family weathered the storm in the attic of the house. Carr had watched how the water had swirled around the tower during the storm. It rode out the storm like a ship at sea.

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## Progress is good, but 'How would we see the Moon?'

**W**ill Rogers once said, "All I know is what I read in the papers."

Things have changed a little and today I guess he would have thrown in television, but essentially what he said is still true. I find things in the papers that inform, amuse, and sometimes amaze me.

While reading the Sunday Echo at breakfast a couple of weeks ago, I came across an article that fell into the last group.

In brief, the article stated that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors are planning to install, and I quote, "250-watt interstate high pressure sodium lights" along the beach road from Waveland to Bay St. Louis. In addition, they would increase

the number of lights on the road from 54 to 73.

The reason for this, and again I quote, "is to brighten the walkway and improve safety and visibility for motorists."

To say I was amazed when I read this is putting it kindly. After all, despite its name, Beach Boulevard is a two-lane county road not Highway 90! I have never heard of an accident happening on the beach road that could be blamed on poor lighting.

In fact, the whole rationale seems strange when you consider that the number of beach rapes, beach muggings, and beach baby snatches we have is on par with cities such as Nome, Alaska; Thule, Greenland; and Coffeeville, Mississippi.

But it appears that the

supervisors also want to "brighten the walkway."

Let's be serious, the reason people are on the beach walk at night is not for the brightness of the way. Think about it. Why in the world would anyone want to walk there if it was lit up like a Wal-Mart parking lot? Where would be the ambiance?

There is no doubt to me that all person will see if the proposed lighting is installed: A blacktop two-lane boring county road and a concrete walkway. Nothing else! Not under the glare of "250-watt interstate high pressure Sodium lights" Interstate!

Where would be the magic that the people are there for in the first place? I'm sure there is a certain thrill in holding you true love's hand when you walk on the beach during the day. But

be truthful, doesn't that thrill increase tenfold when you do the same thing when you walk on a beach lit by stars.

Golly gee! Image asking the spark in your life to go for a walk on a concrete walkway under "250-watt interstate high pressure Sodium lights."

Why are they doing this?

I realize that there are many things in life that should be done and I am for doing these things. I am also aware that there are many things that, if we had the time, we might do. And I am all for doing these things if we can.

However, lighting up the beach so that it looks like some minor league ballpark is not one of these. In my opinion, increasing the lighting of the beach is akin to installing megawatt fluorescent lights in the tunnel of

love, in your master bedroom and in the IMAX theatre.

Life is nice. Life is full of wonder, of beauty. We in our fumbling ways have at times tried to improve on life, to make it a little easier without destroying that wonder and beauty.

Amazingly, we have occasionally succeeded. We've brought into existence such things as good shoes, comfortable pillows, hot showers, and bifocals. There are probably a few more, but you see what I mean.

There are others ways that we have progressed that have not been as successful: hothouse tomatoes, cell phones in restau-

### Views From a Front Porch

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love, in your master bedroom and the "Attention Shopper" announcements in our local stores are a few examples. You could probably think of a lot of others.

But these, while annoying, are harmless. We manage to go through our existence annoyed by them, but not too deeply bothered. Perhaps, we think, that God has allowed us to introduce these things into our lives to test us.

Perhaps this is so, and we should in all humility bow to his wisdom and accept these annoyances as contrivances of our

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GETTING REGISTERED: Pearl River Community College employee Kay Holston looks up some records for Nell Farve of Bay St. Louis, during PRCC's orientation Tuesday on the Poplarville campus. Farve was one of about 200 students from Hancock, Marion and Jefferson Davis counties to take part in the orientation. Students can still register for fall classes at PRCC by calling (601) 403-1000.

## Stennis scientist teams with company to develop system to analyze seawater samples

**SPECIAL TO THE ECHO**  
NASA chief scientist and biological oceanographer Dr. Richard Miller of the Earth Science Applications Directorate at Stennis Space Center needed a more efficient method of analyzing water samples at sea.

The development of Ultraphat™ "an optical sample cell system with user-selectable path lengths" by World Precision Instruments Inc. (WPI) appears to suit his needs.

Miller conducts research aboard ships in ocean systems 'round the globe to support NASA's satellite programs. Water samples are obtained to verify the observations from space, particularly "Chlorophyll A" concentration, a molecule that absorbs light and is found in all plants. Colored Dissolved Organic Matter (CDOM) that is generally associated with land runoff is an important component that controls ocean color in coastal waters. The presence of CDOM complicates the use of color satellite sensors. Determining how CDOM

absorbs light helps us evaluate the accuracy of products developed from satellite imagery, Miller explained.

"Until now, the standard procedure for processing seawater samples was to freeze them and then ship them to port for spectral analyses," Miller explained. "The procedure was time-consuming and costly. I had an idea there should be a better way."

Enter NASA's Kirk Sharp, manager of the Stennis Office of Technology Transfer. Sharp and his staff teamed Miller with WPI, a Florida-based, international manufacturer of laboratory equipment.

"The combination of significant commercial potential and government need made the arrangement of a cost and risk sharing agreement a natural for this project. This dual-use approach for government investment in technology development ensures that commercialization happens," Sharp said. "Working together under a cooperative agreement, the company has developed and is

now marketing the Ultraphat™."

Miller's design requirements over the last two years of development defined the need for a rugged instrument system to be used in the field that was capable of high sensitivity measurements across widely divergent sample types," Mathias Belz, senior scientist for WPI, said. "It was a challenge to configure the solution."

Miller said the flexibility of the system solves a critical problem for oceanographers and opens the doors to numerous other applications. The Office of Technology Transfer at Stennis works to identify technology development opportunities and make these available to domestic companies. It does so through licenses, partnerships, and providing technical assistance.

For more information concerning the activities of the Office of Technology Transfer as Stennis Space Center visit Web site <http://technology.ssc.nasa.gov>.

## Registration for 2001-02 school year set

All students expecting to attend Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools in the 2001-2002 school year must register at the school to which they are assigned.

Registration will be July 30 through August 3, from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with staff available on Thursday evening, August 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Students who have not registered prior to the first day of school will not be assigned a schedule. Students report for their first day of school on Friday, August 10.

Students who do not know which school they are to attend should call the central office at 467-6621. Students who enter first grade must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2001; kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before that date.

Each new student must bring to registration the certificate of

immunization from the Health Department or local physician, a copy of their birth certificate, and their Social Security number. A report card or other record of grade placement are necessary to make official grade level assignment.

New students enrolling in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools will not be permitted to register unless residency has been verified through proper documentation. Parents must provide the school with a copy of two of the following items for verification of residency: filed Homestead Exemption application form; mortgage documents or property deed; apartment or home lease; utility bills; driver's license listing present address; voter precinct identification; and properly signed.

All students will report for a full day of school on Friday, August 10, at the following times: Bay High (9-12) and Bay-Waveland Middle School (6-8) 8 a.m.; all elementary schools (K-5) 7:30 a.m.

Bus information will be posted at each school during registration. Parents with questions about busing should contact Laidlaw at 466-9002 or 467-9023.

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## What's for Lunch?

### Summer Food Program, July 16-20

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##### BREAKFAST (8-9 a.m.)

Milk served daily  
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Tuesday: Fruit Juice, Cheese Sandwich

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Thursday: Fruit Juice, Sausage Biscuit

Friday: Fruit Juice, Cereal and Toast

##### LUNCH (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Milk served daily  
Monday: Bologna and Cheese Sandwich, Stack of Trimmings, Potato Chips, Chilled Peaches, Rice Krispie Treat

Tuesday: BBQ Rib Sandwich, Stack of Trimmings, Macaroni and Cheese, Vegetable Sticks with Dip, Fresh Fruit Cup

Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza, Buttered Corn, Garden Salad, Brownie, Ice Cream Cup

Thursday: Hamburger, Stack of Trimmings, Tater Tots, Frozen Juice Bar

Friday: Hot Dog and Chili, Potato Chips, Veggie Sticks with Dip, Pineapple, Ice Cream Sandwich

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##### LUNCH

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Tuesday: Hamburger, Corn, Apple Juice, Ice Cream

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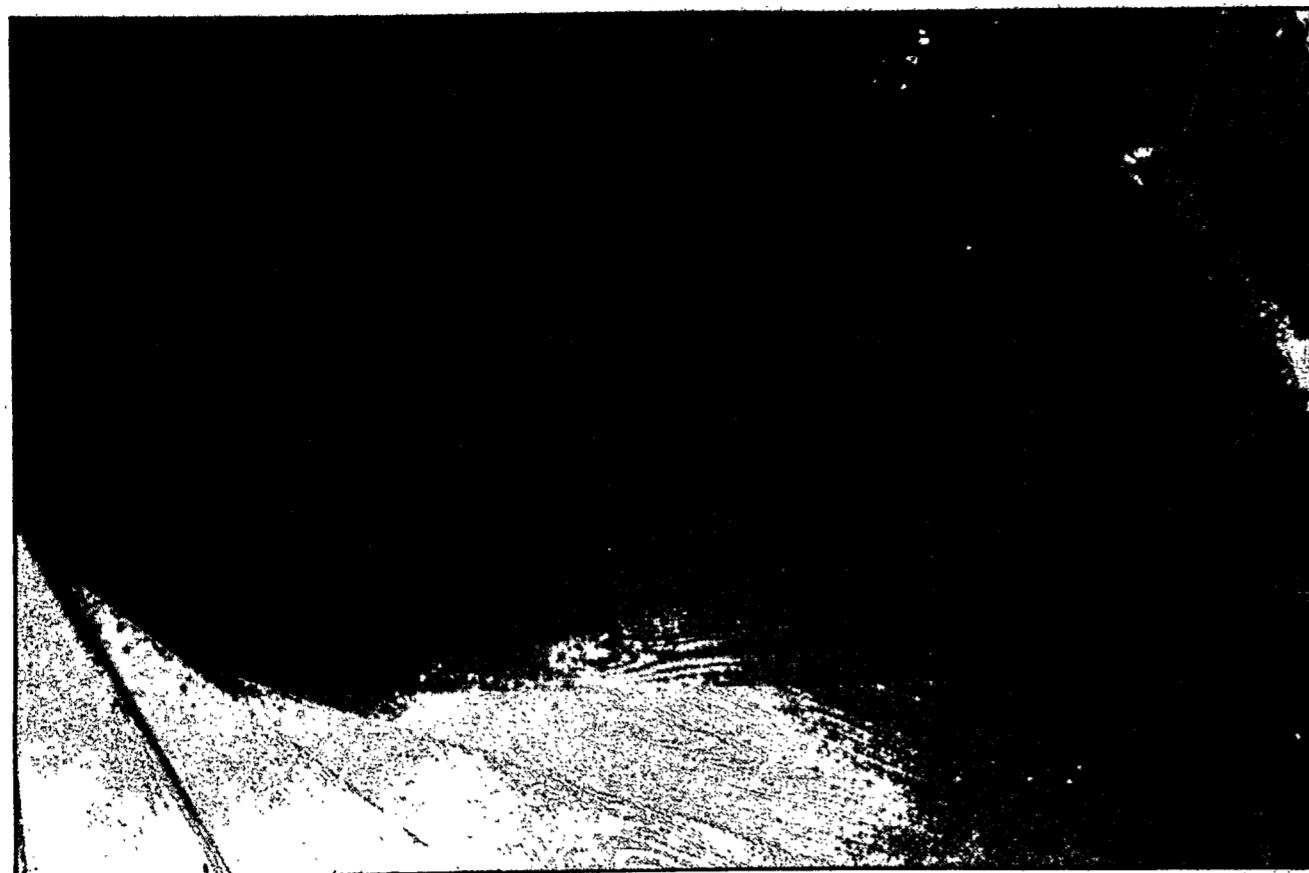
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The unusual spiral staircase in Wilcox's unusual ancestral watch tower.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

## Tower

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Although there was some damage to the top of the tower from the winds, it remained intact.

Most everything in the lower part of the house was destroyed or washed away, including Carr's priceless antique collection. All the family had left was the clothing on their backs.

Carr decided that if a round

tower could withstand a hurricane, then a round house could do the same. He put his concept down on paper, as he had done when he built the tower, and started the round house, which was completed in about 1950.

The family lived in temporary round quarters built at the base of the watch tower while the house was being built.

When Camille came along in 1969, Carr's theory of round houses was tested again. This time the family did not weather the storm at the house, but the house remained intact, though a rectangular addition to the structure was destroyed, Wilcox said. A testament once again to

## Garden -- vines good

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angelonias as lower level plants. Tall perennial summer phlox planted in front also make an impressive show.

For the tropical garden, try combining with the Princess Flower (*Tibouchina urvilleana*) or red canna and in proximity to bold foliage of bananas and elephant ears.

Choose a site in full sun to partial shade and plant after the last frost of the year. Prepare the soil deeply by adding 3 to 4 inches of composted pine bark and humus, and till to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. While tilling, incorporate two pounds per 100 square feet of bed space a slow-release, 12-6-6 fertilizer.

Set out nursery-grown transplants at the same depth they were growing in the container. It is also easy to grow from seed.

Sow three seeds about one-

fourth inch deep, water and cover with mulch. Germination takes 10 to 21 days. Remove the weakest seedling by cutting.

Feed with a light application of the fertilizer every four to six weeks.

Keep well watered to keep them growing vigorously. The black-eyed Susan vine climbs easily, so provide a sturdy structure. Occasionally, spider mites can be a problem, so watch and treat early if necessary.

Keep your eye out at garden centers for a close relative of the black-eyed Susan vine called the Sky Flower.

The Sky Flower, known botanically as *Thunbergia grandiflora*, is a very vigorous tropical vine that produces large blue trumpet-shaped flowers almost the size of an allamanda flower.

You will want to buy this one

in at least a gallon-sized container in the spring, and you will be rewarded with loads of flowers from late summer through fall.

I have seen it come back from the ground these past few mild winters in Brookhaven, but most of us will want to take cuttings, dig up and cut back severely, or treat as an annual.

Once you start growing vines, you really get hooked, and the black-eyed Susan vine is one you will want to try. If you see the Sky Flower, try it, too!

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service.

His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154.

## Cork, Ladner attend Solinet workshop

Sheila Cork, assistant coordinator of information services for the Hancock County Library System, and Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library branch manager, recently attended a Solinet workshop in Jackson.

The workshop, entitled "Introducing John and Jane Public to Your Online Resources," was sponsored by Solinet.

The workshop discussed how to assess your community needs and to develop a training plan to address those needs.

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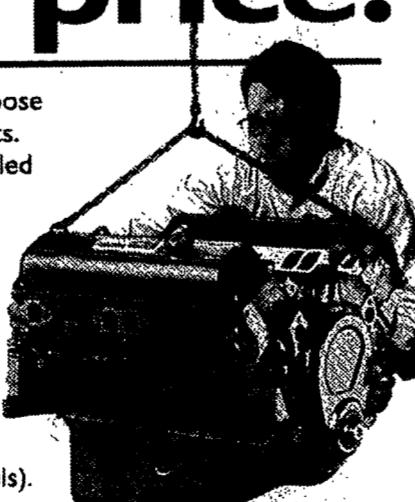
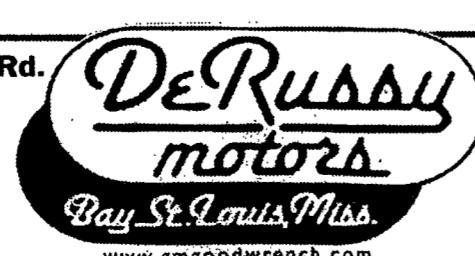
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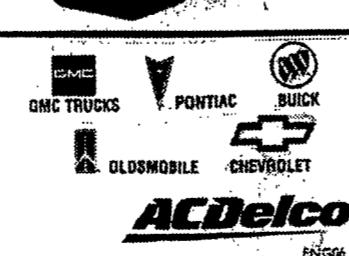
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own making and proof of our humanity.

But there are other things.

There exists things which when we come across them in life that we intuitively know are wrong: pits in watermelons, fire ants, phone solicitors.

Again I think you can add to this list. I think also that there can be no doubt in your mind that these are bad; these are

things that are not needed. These are things that blight the fundamental joy of our daily life and that we should work hard to do without.

We've just about taken care of the pits in watermelons and have a crude grasp on fire ants, beyond picking them up by one and squeezing them. I have also been told by reliable sources that phone solicitors are on the

road to eradication in the second, or if not then, at least by the third decade of this century.

Now flush with these successes, let us turn our full attention to these thoughts of lighting up the beach so that it looks like some minor league ballpark.

Like the pits in watermelons, this too, can be stopped.

## Take Off Pounds Sensibly 307, Waveland

TOPS MS 307 Waveland met loser for June with 10 1/2 pounds. Rhonda was runner-up with 7 3/4 pounds.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are 4:30-5 p.m. with the meeting following.

Ruth was the month's best

weight is welcome to visit the chapter. Call Ruth at 463-1761 for information.



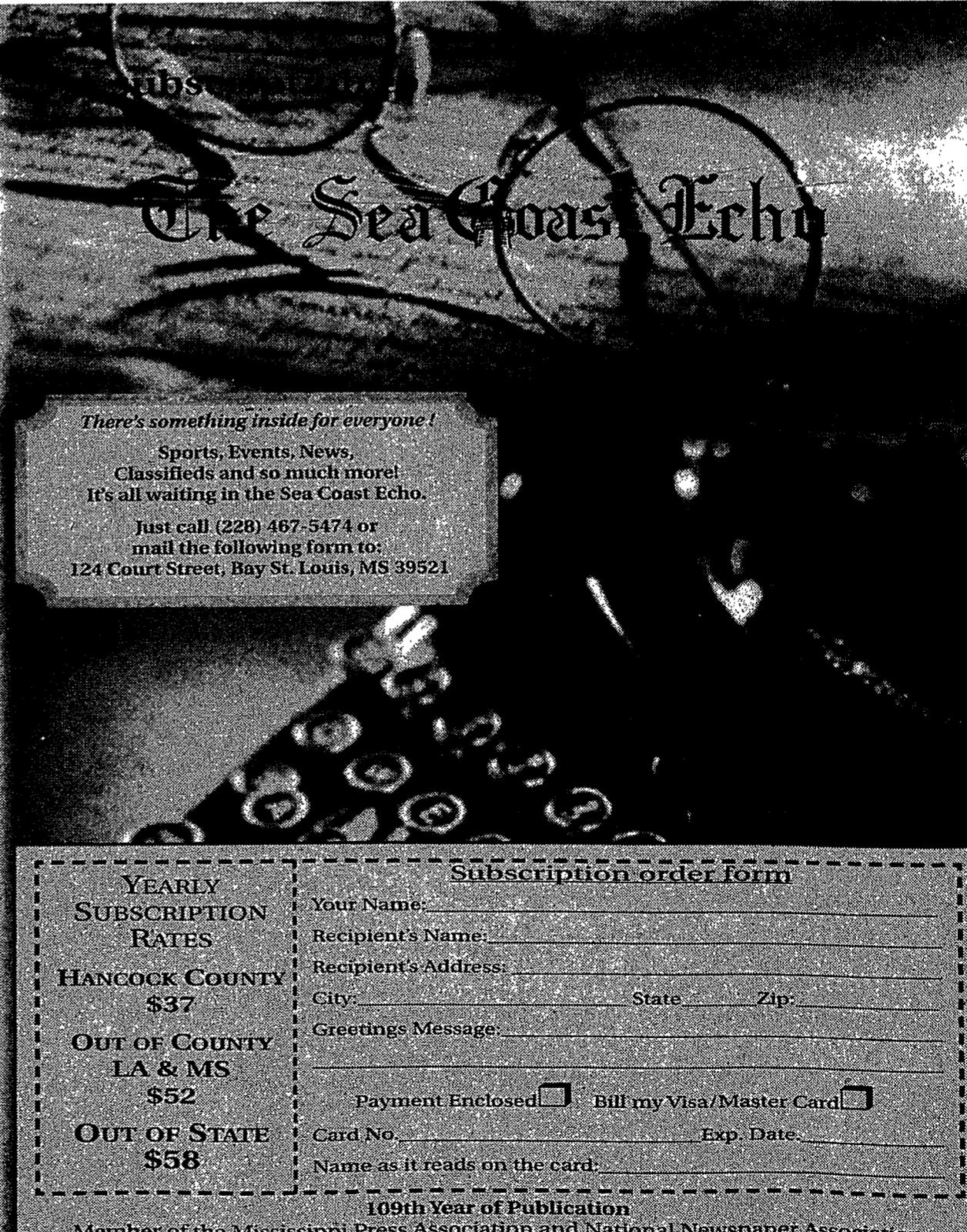
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PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, THIS THE 2ND DAY OF JULY, 2001.

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 Clerk Board of Supervisors Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C. 4t; July 5, 8, 12 & 15, 2001



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### Running the show

Rebecca Landry (left) of Waveland and Amanda Parker of Pass Christian have been appointed president and vice-president, respectively, of Jaguar Productions for the 2001-02 school year at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. Jaguar Productions is a student board which plans entertainment events for the campus. Both young women are seniors majoring in Sport and Event Marketing. Landry is a 1998 graduate of Our Lady Academy and Parker is a 1998 graduate of Hancock High School.

## PRCC to advertise for expansion bids

The Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees Tuesday authorized the school to advertise for bids for expansion of the Allied Health Center on PRCC's Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg during the regular July meeting.

Some \$650,000 has been set aside for that expansion, which would provide for additional classrooms and an X-ray laboratory to support the school's radiologic technology program. David Landry of Landry and Associates in Hattiesburg presented those final plans to the board.

"We need to create more space on our Hattiesburg campus to accommodate the anticipated growth in that area," said PRCC President William Lewis. "We continue to grow in numbers on our Hattiesburg campus. This past year we had more than 1,000 academic students."

Construction on the 10,000 square-foot expansion could begin this fall and take five to six months to complete.

The board also heard an update from Landry on the Advanced Technology Center in Hattiesburg, which will be located in the Hattiesburg-Forrest County Industrial Park. The Mississippi Legislature has set aside \$4 million to build the center.

Landry said the basic plan for the two-story 35,000 square-foot structure is complete. The design and development phase is expected to take about two more months before it is submitted to the state Building Commission for final approval.

"A lot of thought has gone into this project. We are tickled where we are now," said Lewis.

Clifton Wade, director of buildings and grounds at PRCC, reported that renovation work on the information management building on the Poplarville campus is on schedule.

## St. Ann-St. John Church News

### Mass. Schedule

Fr. John Kelly, Pastor

St. Ann Catholic Church, Lower Bay Road, Saturday Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses: St. John Catholic Church, Lakeshore Road, 8 a.m.; St. Ann's 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: St. Ann's, Monday-Thursday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are always welcome.

God Gave man an upright countenance to survey the Heavens, and look upward to the stars.

-Ovid

Bishop Rodi has scheduled a pastoral visit Aug. 14 at St. Ann's. There will be a Vigil Mass at 7 p.m., followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Everyone is invited.

The School of Religion is in need of teachers. Religion classes are Monday, 3:50 p.m. Those who would like to volunteer, call Yvonne Garcia at 467-3601.

Things printed can never be stopped; they are like babies baptized, they have a soul from that moment and go on forever. —Meredith

Tapes of Bishop Rodi's ordination are available. Mail check for \$32.95 to The Office of Communication, P. O. Box 64989, Biloxi, MS 39540-6489.

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## Student Ambassadors to visit the British Isles

Rachel Anne Lennon, daughter of Thomas and Winnie Lennon of Bay St. Louis has been selected by the People To People Student Ambassador Program to visit the British Isles this summer.

Rachel will be traveling with a delegation of 37 students and three teachers from New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Illinois. Rachel is a member and also an alumni of the International Program. She has attended the same program last summer when the delegation went to Australia.

The Student Ambassadors will spend approximately three weeks learning about the government, economy, and culture of the British Isles through activities such as briefing at embassies and ministries, discussions with industry and trade officials, site visits to the headquarters of international organizations, and meetings with youth clubs.

Delegations will receive an overview of the cultural heritage of each country during visits to major historical sites and performances of ethnic music and dance. The delegation will travel to London, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

As part of their overseas experience, Student Ambassadors will have home visits with host families. Host families include their American guests in everyday activities, enabling the Student Ambassadors to gain a first-hand understanding of the ways people live and work in other cultures.

Each Student Ambassador is selected on the basis of recommendations and personal interviews with members of a screening committee.

Once students are accepted into the program, they prepare for their overseas project by attending orientation meetings in their own area and studying background material on the countries and organizations they will visit.

Young Americans have served as Student Ambassadors since 1963. As a result, many former Student Ambassadors have been inspired to pursue international careers in business, law, government service, and teaching.

Alumni of the program have reported their overseas experience and the maturity and world awareness they gained provide a competitive advantage.

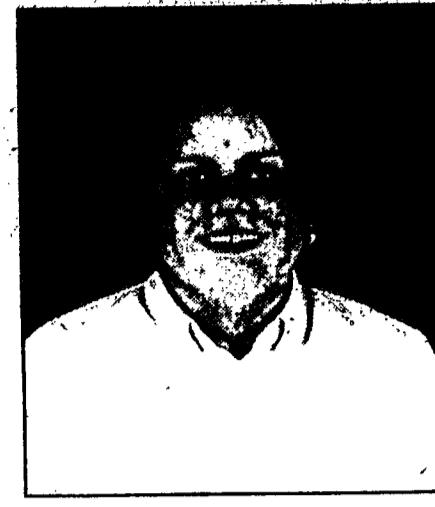
Jason Dawsey has been hired as a history instructor. He attended PRCC in 1990-91 and is a USM graduate currently working on his Ph.D. in history.

Charles A. Ponder has been hired as an instructor of business and economics. He is a USM graduate with 12 years of teaching experience.

In another personnel move, Tara Rouse has been appointed director of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and Director of the Wellness Center.

She replaces Melanie Morris, who resigned last month to accept a teaching position at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Rouse has been working as a Wellness Center assistant and an adjunct instructor since the Wellness Center opening on the Poplarville campus.



Rachel Anne Lennon

grants.

Rachel has also earned a high school and university credit from her studies of Australia last summer. She can earn another high school and up to five university credits from this year's program, through the Eastern Washington University, after successfully completing the 240 hours of study time required by the university.

Next summer, Rachel will be eligible to travel to Paris with the Student Ambassador Program delegation.

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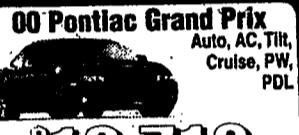
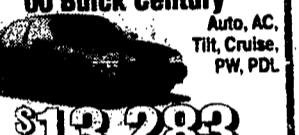
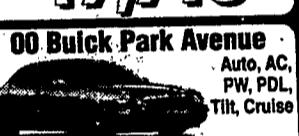
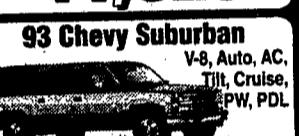
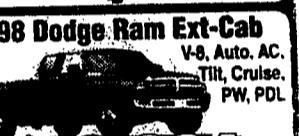
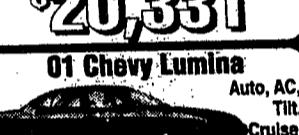
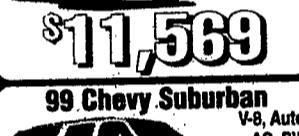
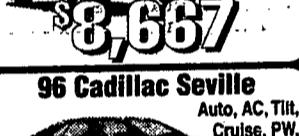
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## Cook graduates from LSU Health Sciences

Nearly four hundred health professions students graduated from the LSU Health Sciences Center May 19 at UNO's Lakefront Arena.

Graduates included students from LSUHSC's Schools of Allied Health Professions, Nursing, Graduate Studies, Dentistry and Medicine in New Orleans.

The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Joseph Moerschbaecher, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, and Dr. Adele Spence, Associate Dean of LSUHSC's School of Graduate Studies.

Degrees were conferred by Dr. William Jenkins, president of the LSU System, and Roger H. Ogden, chair-elect of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

The Commencement Address was given by Charles N. Bertolami, D.S.S., F.A.C.D., Dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of California, San Francisco.

Among the graduates was Kathryn Susanne Cook, daughter of William R. and P. Caryl Bensch of Diamondhead. She was awarded a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Cook is a graduate of Hollywood Christian High School. She and her husband, Steven, live in Diamondhead.

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IT HAS BEEN A CUSTOM, IN MODERN TIMES, WHEN A WOMAN ATTRACTS AND SEEKS TO EXERT UNDUE INFLUENCE OVER A MAN, OR MANY MEN, FOR PEOPLE TO CALL HER A JEZEBEL. HOWEVER, NO MODERN COUNTERPART COULD EVER COMPETE WITH THE ORIGINAL JEZEBEL FOR DOWNRIGHT EVIL AND MURDEROUS ACTS! BORN A PHOENICIAN PRINCESS, DAUGHTER OF KING ETHBAAL, SHE MARRIED KING AHAB OF ISRAEL (CIRCA 865 B.C.). AND, IN SHORT ORDER, COMPLETELY DOMINATED THIS WEAK-WILLED RULER. ONCE AHAB WAS UNDER HER CONTROL, JEZEBEL IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT DESTROYING ISRAEL'S RELIGION AND REPLACING IT WITH THE WORSHIP OF BAAL AND ASTARTE, PHOENICIAN DIETIES OF HER HOMELAND...



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# Entertainment

## Local artist receives Mississippi Arts Commission fellowship

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Artist Joseph Anthony Pearson of Waveland has been awarded a \$5,000 fellowship from the Mississippi Arts Commission, said Betsy Bradley, executive director.

Pearson was the recipient of the prestigious Pollock-Krasner Foundation of New York grant in International competition in 1998. His work is featured in the book *Art in Mississippi 1920-1980* which is marketed Internationally.

Pearson was commissioned by the White House Historical Association to represent the state of Mississippi on the White House calendar year 2001 in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the White House.

The fellowship, a portion of the \$1.7 million in grants the commission will award in 2001-2002, will be used to "create a body of work that will use the female form to express spiritual attributes such as determination, serenity, dignity and the intrinsic beauty of mankind inherent in all humanity."

"The physical form and nurturing makeup of the female seems the best vehicle for expressing these qualities" said Pearson.

"This body of work will consist of a series of paintings in

oil, and limited edition monotype and linocut prints."

The grants are made possible by the continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. Bradley said \$1.35 million in grants was awarded July 1; the remainder will be distributed during the fiscal year.

"Without a doubt, high quality arts programs, organizations, and individual artists enhance and even change lives throughout the state in thousands of measurable ways," Bradley said. "Community involvement and legislative support propel these changes and affirm that the arts are vital to Mississippi's growth. Communities continue to show that area festivals, artist residencies, after-school programs, musical and theater performances, and arts programs serving at risk youths are vital to their children's lives and education, as well as their area's economic development."

The commission is a state agency that serves more than 1.7 million Mississippians through grants supporting programs to enhance Mississippi communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote the arts in education and celebrate



Mary Rowe, Pearson's model and inspiration for *Determination*.

Mississippi's cultural heritage.

Established in 1968 by the Stella Jones Gallery of New Orleans. He currently has work on display in the area at Serenity Gallery, Jere's in Gulfport and Gulfside Assembly.

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## July entertainment at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

### Free Musical Entertainment in the Main Lobby:

Bobby Allison, Tues., Wed., Saturday & Sunday noon - 4 p.m.

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At 6 & 8:30 p.m. Sundays Travis LeDoyt, through July 15. "Unbelievable" Tribute to the King

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July Entertainment in the Magic Entertainment Complex:

The Drifters, July 13 & 14 at 7 & 9 p.m., \$5 per show Go-Go's, Sunday, July 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$24.95, \$29.95 and \$34.95

Fire Dogs Radio Show Broadcast Live from the Lobby with Coach Irvin Favre

Join Coach Favre as he recaps each home game live from the main lobby of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis at 7 p.m. Each show follows the previous week's home game with special guests. See below for live home game show dates:

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Offer good through September 30.

Getaway in Your Own Backyard -- Magic Hotel Special

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